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As the angels work to solve the mystery of the Black Cancer, the death of Lord Seraphim triggers an even more desperate hunt. Chihaya and Kagetsuya's partnership is abruptly terminated because their relationship is growing a bit too close for comfort. Kagetsuya must now work with the neophyte Sayaka, who is a nice boy but the complete opposite of Chihaya. They go to Earth to find the reclusive Elvira, who may hold the only key to the cure. Hopefully they'll find some answers soon–mating season is approaching, and Kagetsuya is struggling with his feelings for Chihaya...

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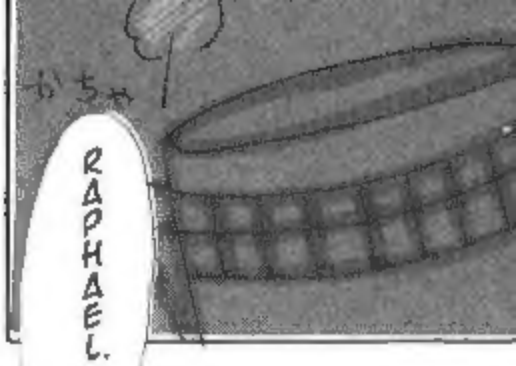
METEORITE

Harrod's Earl Grey really is the best!



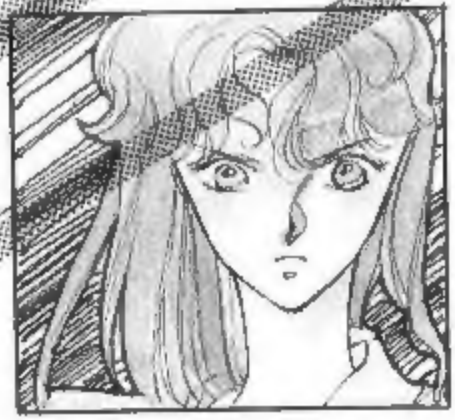
YES.
I'M IN SEASON RIGHT NOW.
But I got a new cup and everything!
I MAKE IT A POLICY DURING THIS TIME TO AVOID LOOKING DIRECTLY AT ANOTHER MALE.

METEORITE

WE'RE MARRIED, SO WE'RE IN SEASON AT THE SAME TIME.
BUT OF COURSE.
THEN I SUPPOSE GABRIEL MUST BE IN SEASON AS WELL.
OH! MATING SEASON, HMM?
But what does your season have to do with serving me?

Meteorite. The giant star...

...of destiny...



...is soaring.

Hiro, Chief Assistant, 23 years old, Aries, Blood Type A. Put simply: a hard worker. Her self-sacrificing demeanor and almost pitiful sense of responsibility are especially helpful at the climax of the deadly battle known as our deadline. Although frail, she always gives 120%. She likes crocodiles, the band Transistor Glamour ♡, punk music, heavy metal, and rock 'n roll. For the time being, her hair is black. She's the type who'd make a nice wife, so here's hoping a good man comes along. If it weren't for her, this manga would never get done. She's also a "Yun Kouga expert."

So one afternoon, I heard a happy Kouga-sensei singing "Hiro-pon, Hiro-pon!" which instantly caused a shiver of fear to run down my spine. She was punctuating all her sentences with a heart mark like this: "♡Uh, in the two-page spread for the next chapter♡" Uh-oh...I couldn't abandon all hope, though. You can see just by looking at me how much I love Earth. And then Kouga-sensei smiled at me as she finished her sentence: "...we're going to put a picture of Valhalla." Oh, my God!! I screamed from the bottom of my heart...because I had to draw a two-page spread of Valhalla. Sniffle. The reference picture we used was size B3 paper. It's like magic! It's sad for me to say! . But somebody should say it! So that's the story of how Earthian is always drawn over a backdrop of tears. And what worries me most is the "Two" chapter, with Valhalla and Earth. This was a collaboration between the two of us, done on a very tight schedule. I have to say it, Kouga-sensei, I still like Earth best of all. Earth. *-Hiro*

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GOOD MORNING
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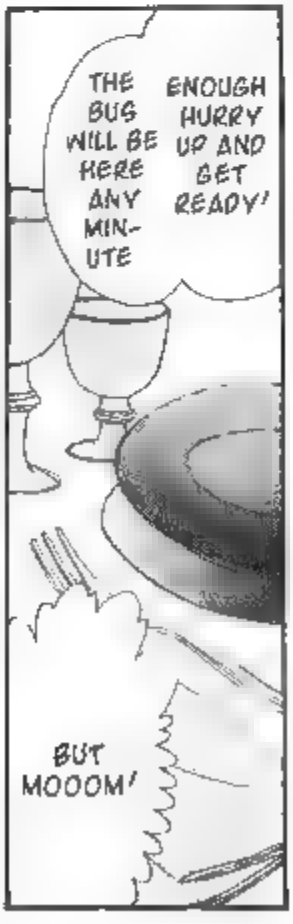
DARN IT, I MESSED UP AGAIN!
WE SHOULD'VE JUST MOVED OUT TO THE COUNTRY
I STAND OUT TOO MUCH IN THIS CITY

IF ONLY SERAPHIM HAD ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT TO GO

YOU'RE TELLING ME! SHE'S A FREAK!
THAT GIRL LIVING ON THE THIRD FLOOR IS SO WEIRD!

WHEN I FIRST SAW HER, SHE WAS MY HEIGHT
YEAH! NO FAIR THAT SHE GETS TO GROW UP SO FAST!


THE BUS WILL BE HERE ANY MINUTE
ENOUGH HURRY UP AND GET READY!
BUT MOOOM!

BUT MOM! IT'S TRUE! SHE HAD SHORT HAIR JUST A FEW DAYS AGO!
TOM! CAROL! HURRY UP AND EAT YOUR BREAKFAST!
AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN GO TO SCHOOL!

SERA-PHIM?
YOU ASLEEP?
I'm home.
WHAT THE --?!
DAMMIT!
THE DOOR'S STILL LOCKED!

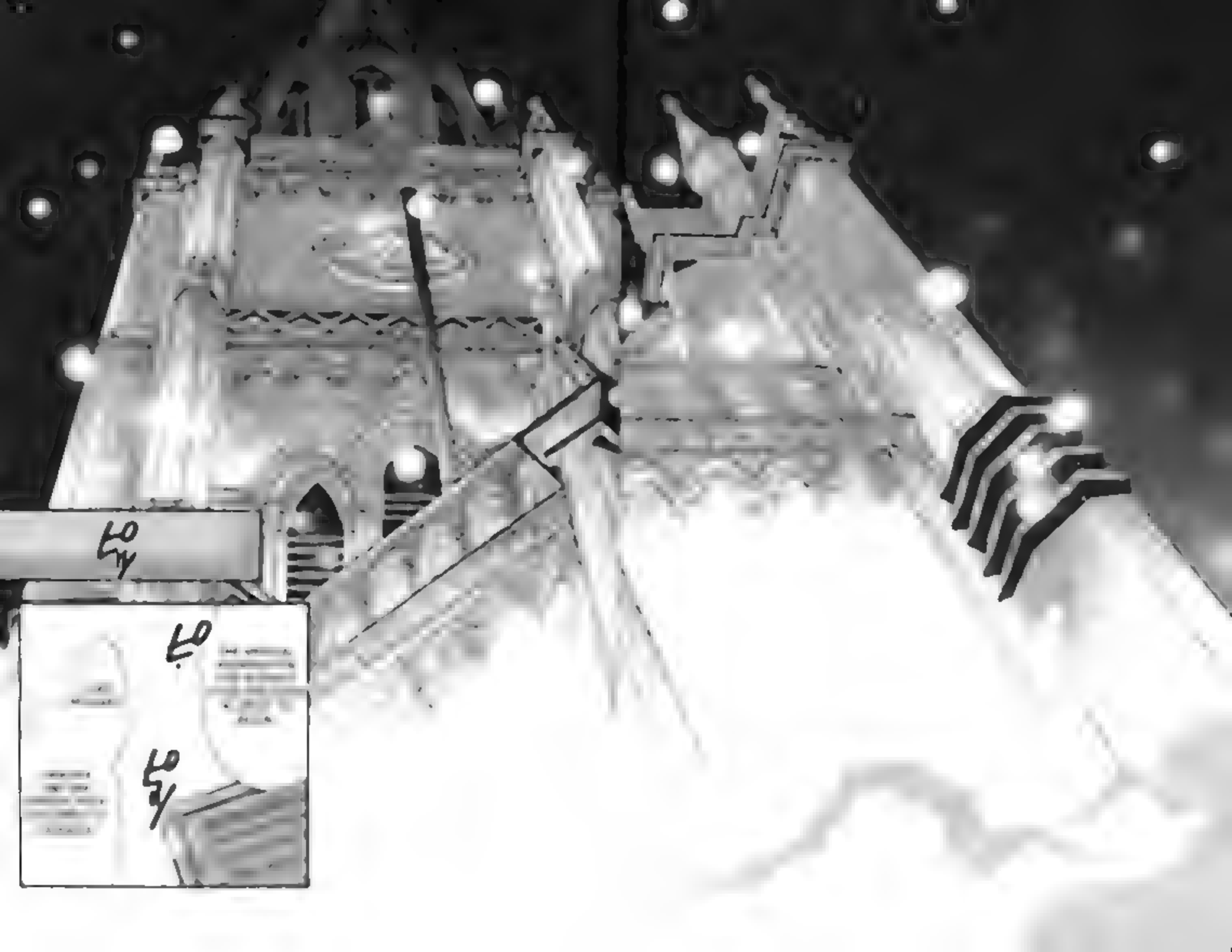
SERAPH-IM!
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!
I KNOW YOU'RE AWAKE! NOW OPEN THE DOOR THIS INSTANT!
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED YOUR FOOD!
COME OUT OF THERE, SERAPHIM!
SERAPH-IM!
KNOCK IT OFF!
YOU'LL NEVER GET BETTER IF YOU KEEP THIS UP!

I CAN'T LET ELVIRA SEE ME LOOKING THIS WEAK
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN OPEN THE DOOR
ELVIRA
PRE-TENDING TO CRY WON'T WORK
COME ON, SERAPHIM! PLEASE!
I'LL BAKE YOU WALNUT SCONES! YOUR FAVORITE! YOU LOVED THEM BACK HOME!
Thump
Thump
Thump

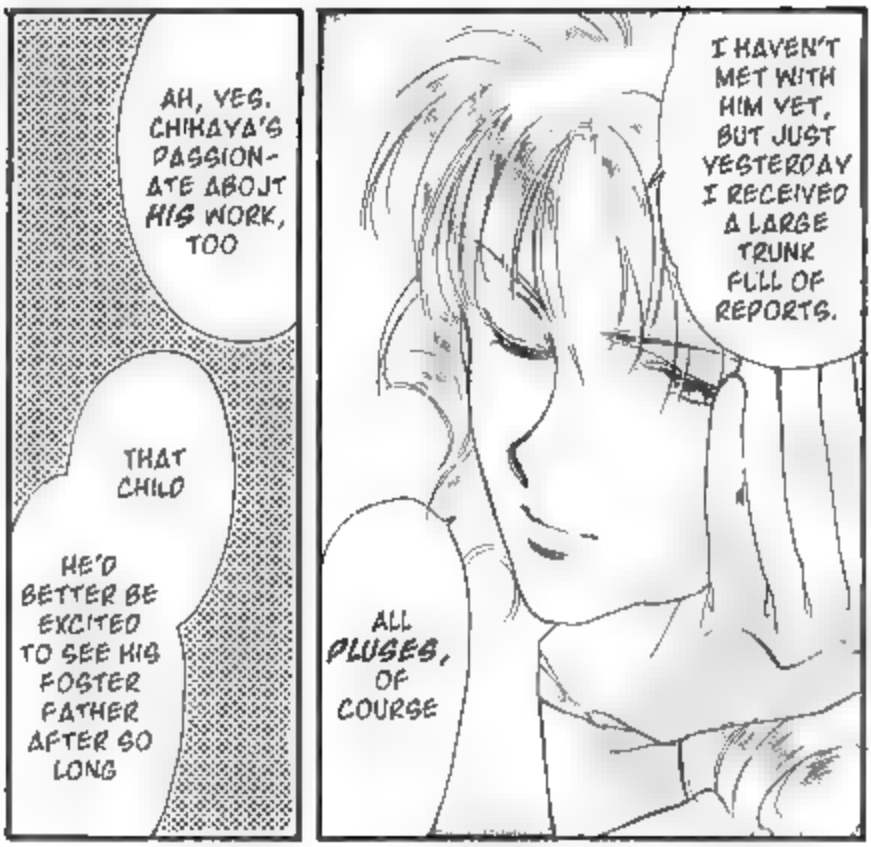
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE DEAD
I THOUGHT
MERCY'S SAKE
LET ME IN! AT LEAST ANSWER ME!
YOU ARE AWAKE! I KNEW IT!
PLEASE I HAVEN'T SEEN YOUR FACE FOR THREE DAYS.
I'VE GOTTEN OLDER AGAIN I'M EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD NOW
ARE YOU RUSHING THROUGH LIFE?
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU?
WHY ARE YOU GROWING UP SO QUICKLY?
IT MIGHT BE THE SAME CANCER YOU HAVE
IT HURTS A LOT.
MY BACK'S BEEN HURTING EVER SINCE YESTER-DAY

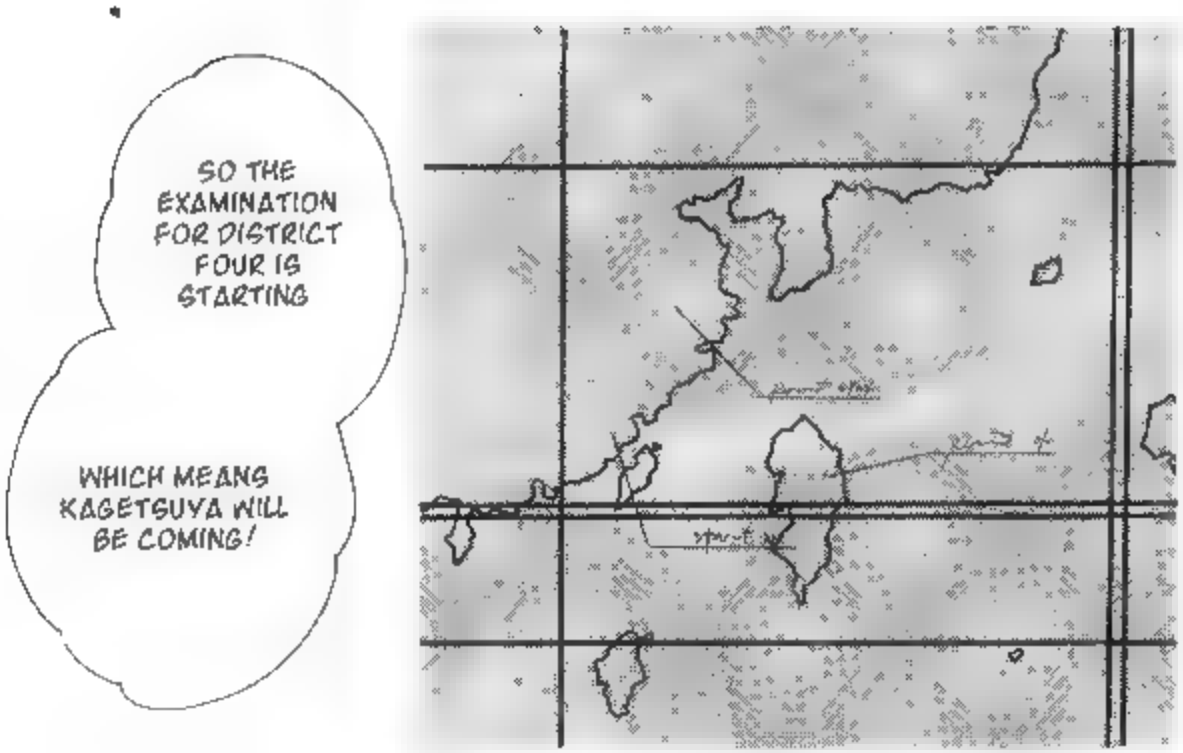
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T DO THAT
FORGIVE ME
PLEASE I JUST WANT TO BE WITH YOU AS MUCH AS I CAN
OPEN THE DOOR!
BUT IT REALLY, REALLY HURTS!
I'M NOT KIDDING!
THAT CAN'T BE!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN PERFECT HEALTH
GOD-DAMN YOJ, SERAPHIM! IF YOJ DON'T OPEN UP, I'LL DIE!
OPEN UP! RIGHT NOW!
STOP MOCKING ME!
I'LL KILL MYSELF!
I'M SERIOUS!
I'LL DO IT, I SWEAR!
SO OPEN THE DOOR!

SERA-PHIM!
OH, SERA-PHIM!
PLEASE
YOU'RE HOPE-LESS...
I COULD SAY THE SAME THING!



GOOD MORNING, RAPHAEL
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE ON VACATION?
NO KIDDING
Yet you won't even serve me tea?
MOST TAKE A VACATION WHEN THEY'RE IN SEASON, DO THEY NOT?
NO, I AM NOT
Good morning to you as well
I'M PASSIONATE ABOUT MY WORK
CHIHAYA IS BACK, SIR.
YES, I KNOW


AH, YES. CHIKAYA'S PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK, TOO
THAT CHILD
HE'D BETTER BE EXCITED TO SEE HIS FOSTER FATHER AFTER SO LONG
I HAVEN'T MET WITH HIM YET, BUT JUST YESTERDAY I RECEIVED A LARGE TRUNK FULL OF REPORTS.
ALL PLUSES, OF COURSE


SO THE EXAMINATION FOR DISTRICT FOUR IS STARTING
WHICH MEANS KAGETSUYA WILL BE COMING!

LUCKY!
MIYAGI!
OH, AYA
GOOD MORNING, AYA DID YOU FINISH ALL OF YOUR EXAMS?
TODAY WAS JUST STRENGTH MEASUREMENT
KAGETSUYA'S COMING BACK TODAY! DO YOU KNOW HIS ROOM NUMBER?
I'LL LOOK INTO IT FOR YOU
THANKS, MIYAGI! YOU'RE THE BEST!
RIGHT, RIGHT
SO, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT? I'LL GET YOU A PLATE

AS USUAL, MIYAGI'S AT YOUR BECK AND CALL.
YOU THINK?
MORNING, AYA
MORN-ING
JUST YOGURT AND TEA. AYA DOESN'T EAT MUCH IN THE MORNING
I GUESS
YOU SHOULD TRY EATING PROPERLY
BUT CAN YOU BLAME HIM? WHO WOULDN'T BE CRAZY FOR ME?
OH, COME ON!
HA HA HA
MIYAGI'S VERY POPULAR, BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL HE SEES, AYA
That voice!
IT'S KAGE-TSUYA!
MORNING, CHIHAYA
HOW MANY EXAMS HAVE YOU GOT?

SAME AS ME, THEN
HOW MANY MAJORS DO YOU HAVE?
FIRST THERE'RE THE WRITTEN EXAMS.
THEN NINE SUBJECTS TO COVER AND MY MAJOR THESIS.

Eek!
S-SEVEN MAJORS?! AYA ONLY HAS ONE!
SO, ALL OF 'EM, HUH? SAME AS ME
SEVEN, I GUESS

S-SORRY! NO APPETITE RIGHT NOW

WHAT?! YOU HAVE TO EAT PROPERLY!

SO WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT? I'LL GET YOU A PLATE
HMM MAYBE SOME YOGURT .. AND TEA

SHUT UP AND SIT DOWN
UH I MEAN, I'LL GET IT MYSELF!
I HATE BEING A BURDEN ON YOU!
YOU'RE IN PERFECTLY GOOD HEALTH!
I'M TRYING TO FATTEN YOU UP!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE WORRYING ABOUT
DUMMY
WHAT DO I DO, KAGETSUYA? WHAT IF ?
BUT

IT'S TOO LATE.
EVEN MY WINGS HAVE GONE ALL BLACK.
IT'S THE BLACK CANCER
IT WON'T BE LONG NOW
SERAPHIM, NO!

WHAT IF
I REALLY DO HAVE THE CANCER?
BUT WHAT IF THE EXAMINATIONS FIND SOMETHING?
B-BUT, I'M NEVER TIRED AND NOTHING HURTS I SHOULD BE FINE!
Good morning
OH !
LONG TIME NO SEE
MORNING, CHIHAYA

N-NO, I'M NOT
AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK SO
Not too sure
YOU'RE NOT GETTING IN KAGE-TSUYA'S WAY, ARE YOU?
I SEE
What should I do?!
THUMP THUMP
She's going to pick on me!
HEY
ANSWER ME HONESTLY HOW DOES KAGETSUYA SLEEP?
DON'T MAKE AYA ASK AGAIN!
I SAID HOW DOES KAGE-TSUYA SLEEP, DAMMIT!
HUH?

HE WEARS PAJA-MAS!
OH, OH! I KNOW THAT! I KNOW!
UGH! THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M ASKING!
UH HE SLEEPS WELL?
おろおろ
ARE YOU
SLEEPING WITH KAGE-TSUYA?
WHAT DOES HE WEAR TO BED?! A NEGLIGEE OR WHAT?!
HE'S NEVER TAKEN MY FUTON
I WOULD THINK NOT.
BUT WE HAVE SHARED THE SAME BED
OH! KAGE-TSUYA!
WHEN THE OTHER BED'S TAKEN, OR THERE'S ONLY ONE, OF COURSE

Whoa
KAGE-TSUYA!
HEY THERE, MIYAGI HOW'RE THINGS?
SAME AS ALWAYS WITH YOU, AYA
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
AYA'S MISSED YOU SO MUCH! HOW ARE YOU?
Tremble
BUT YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE TO GET ALL THIS--
HERE YOU GO NOW EAT UP
OH! UH THANKS
GUESS WHAT, KAGETSUYA! I'M DOING SWIMMING NOW!
I CAN SWIM UP TO TWO KILOMETERS!
YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG
munch munch

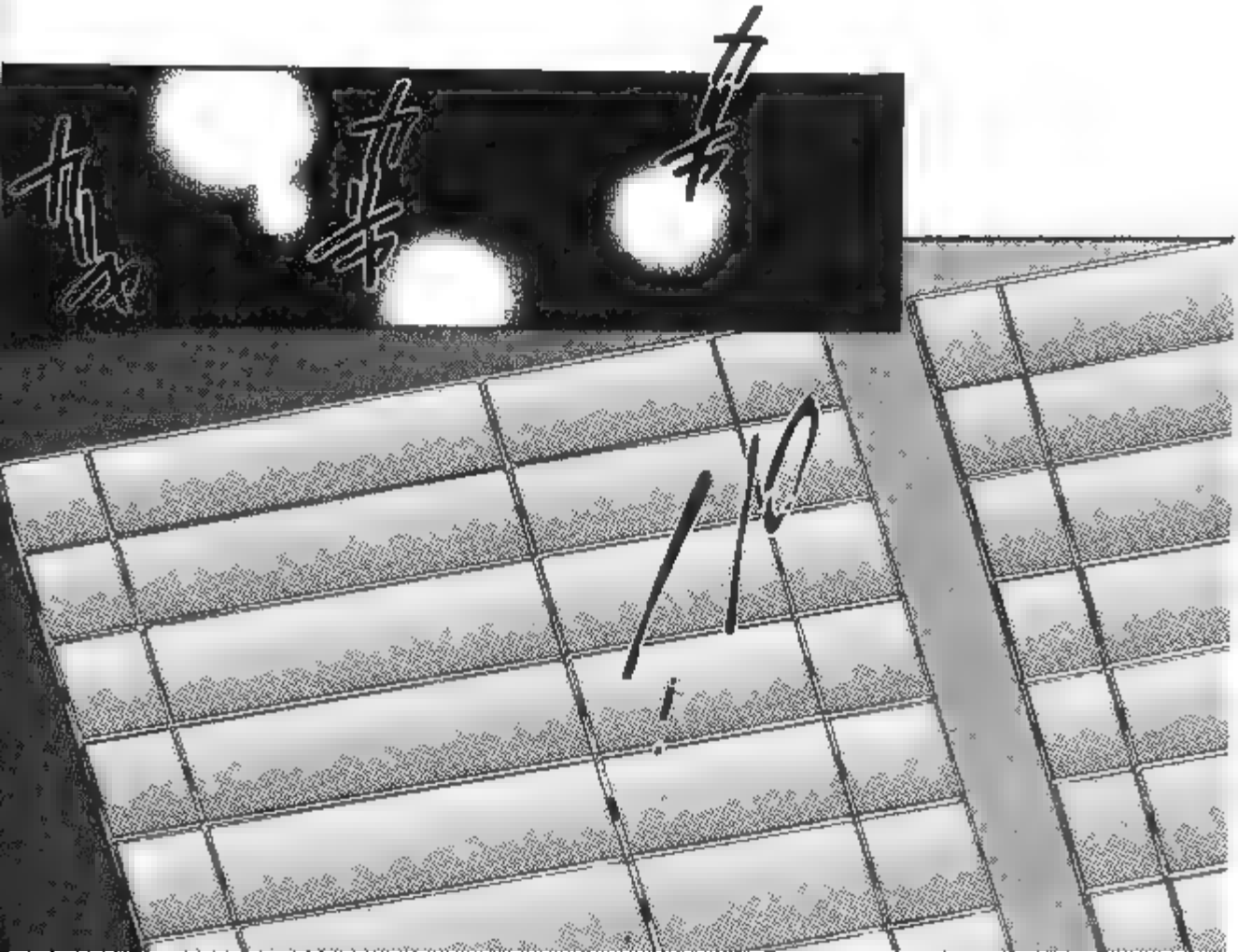
.....
WHEN KAGETSUYA'S AROUND, AYA CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE
WHAT'S WITH THE WORRIED FACE, CHIHAYA?
OH!
MY HEAD'S A LITTLE FUZZY
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT SOMETHING
?
HOW'S THE PLUG CHECKING GOING?
I'M SORTA EMBARRASSED TO SAY

DWELLING ON RIGHT OR WRONG IS A WASTE OF TIME
WORK IS WORK
AN INCIDENT THAT A PLUS CHECKER COULD REPORT AS A PLUS, A MINUS CHECKER COULD SEE AS A MINUS.
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW HARD IT IS TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE IS RIGHT
...HUH?
LONDON, IN DISTRICT FOUR, WHERE WE ARE NOW
IS PRETTY SAFE, COMPARED TO A LOT OF PLACES ON EARTH
BUT THERE ARE ALSO SO MANY DANGEROUS THINGS ABOUT IT
YEAH, LATELY I'M ALWAYS CONFUSED ABOUT EVERY-THING
MAYBE I LIKE KAGE-TSUYA.
YOU LIKE KAGE-TSUYA?
YEAH, HE'S SO CONFI-DENT
HE LOOKS SO DIFFER-ENT NOW.

I REALLY LIKE HIM.
THE SAME WAY YOU LIKE AYA
YEAH
I DO REALLY LIKE HER
YOU DONE YET, CHIHAYA? LET'S MOVE IT
THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXAM IS IN ROOM 12
RIGHT! COMING!
SEE YOU GUYS LATER
IT FEELS GREAT CATCHING UP! WE SHOULD HAVE LUNCH AGAIN SOMETIME!
RIGHT, RIGHT
OHH!

HEY! YOU GOT STUFF AROUND YOUR MOUTH
WAIT! I JUST REALIZED!
AYA LIKES YOU, KAGE-TSUYA!
YOU MEAN, YOU DIDN'T REALIZE UNTIL NOW?!
Aya can't believe you!
HOW ABSO-LUTELY DENSE
WHAT ELSE IS NEW?

The exams...
YOU MAY BEGIN!
90 MIN-UTES PER SUB-JECT
YOU MAY GO ONCE YOU HAVE FINISH-ED
(1) 9:00 ~
(2) 11:00 ~
(3) 14:00 ~
are designed for 6 levels and take place every six months. Establishes strength, willpower and other norms is assessed and given commercial value
The total points are calculated to reveal an angel's condition and abilities
Depending on the preparation and time constraints, the exam is either held on Valhalla or on the moon at Jsana
This semester's exam location is being held on Valhalla
THESE ARE THE PROBLEMS I DID LAST NIGHT
No problema.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LOOKS LIKE CHIHAYA'S MENTAL ABILITIES HAVE DROPPED.
ARE YOU WORRIED?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
HE'S LACKING IN CONCENTRATION ABILITIES
HE MUST BE DISTRACTED
THOUGH IT DIDN'T AFFECT HIS OTHER TEST SCORES
HE SCORED INCREDIBLY HIGH AGAIN HE'S ADVANCED IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS
AND AS EXPECTED, HE AND KAGETSUYA MAKE THE BEST PAIRING
WHAT?!

HE'S GOING TO END UP AS THE TOP-SCORING PLUS CHECKER FOR THIS EXAM
BETTER PREPARE YOURSELF

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY
IT'S IMPOSS BLE!
HE'S ONLY SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD!

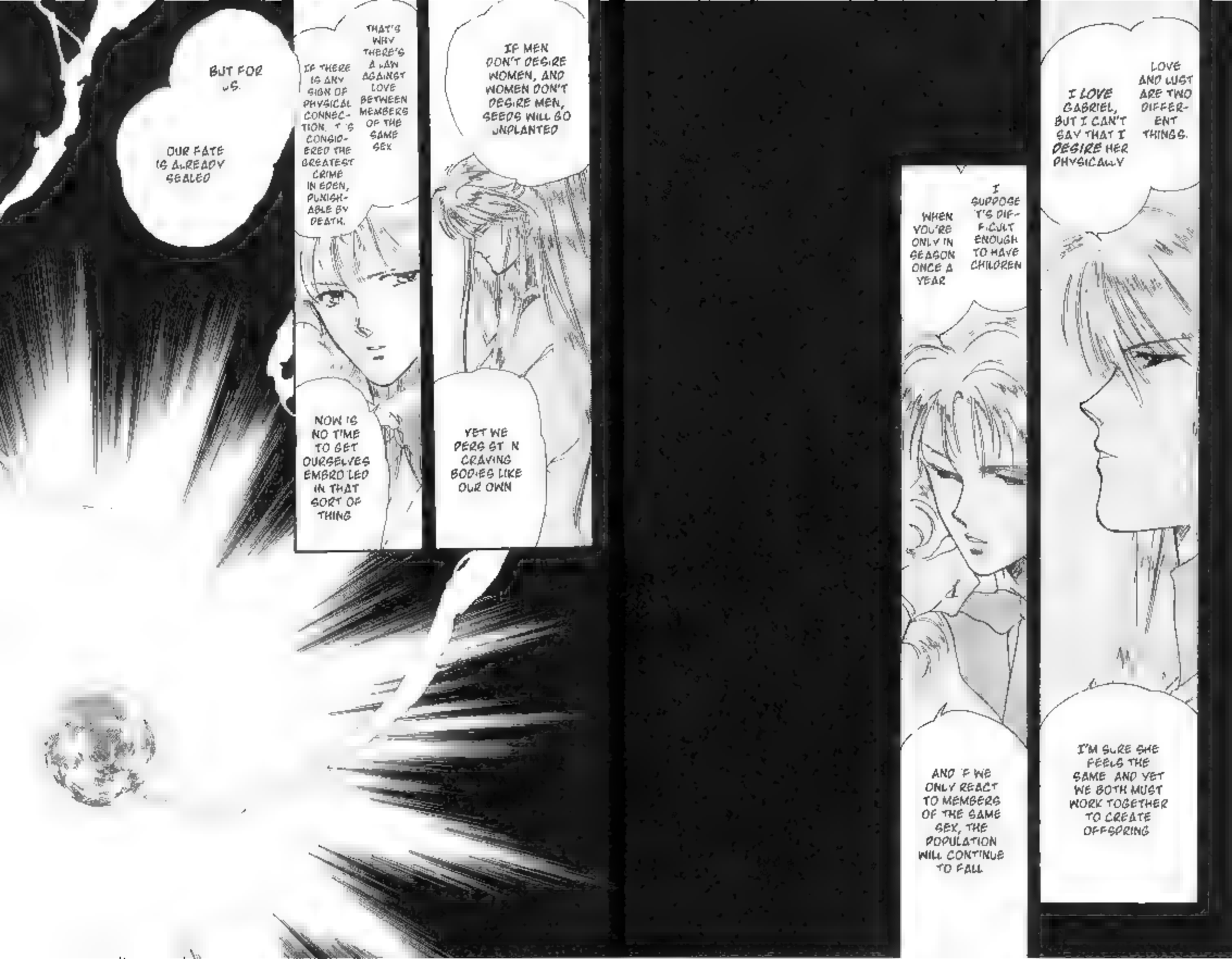
WELL
DURING THIS SESSION?
WHICH REMINDS ME ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE TIME OFF

OTHERWISE, WHEN HE'S IN SEASON FOR THE FIRST TIME AT TWENTY, HE'LL STOP GROWING ENTIRELY
HE MUST DO SOMETHING WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

SOMEDAY, HE'LL GROW BIGGER AND STRONGER
YES, ONLY SEVENTEEN AND STILL SO TINY
THAT MUST BE WHY HIS PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS LACKING

I'VE ONLY BEEN MARRIED FOR NINETY YEARS, AND EVERY YEAR WE WORK HARD DURING OUR SEASON, BUT

ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL CENSUS, IT'S GETTING HARDER FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN TO CREATE CHILDREN
ON AVERAGE, A COUPLE ONLY GIVES BIRTH TO ONE EVERY FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.
THE WIFE AND I STILL HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO
OH, BUT I AM
LEAVING OFFSPRING IS OUR GREATEST PRIORITY RIGHT NOW
THEN WHY ARE YOU WASTING YOJR TIME HERE?
YOU SHOULD BE FOCJSING YOJR ATTENTIONS ON LADY GABRIEL.
SINCE WHEN HAS IT BEEN SO DIFFICULT TO HAVE CHILDREN?
SINCE THE TIME ANGELS LOST THEIR SEXUAL DESIRE.
JUST LOOK AT THE EARTHIAN LOOK HOW MUCH LIFE THEY HAVE
THEY'RE BURSTING WITH CONCUPIS-CENCE


BUT FOR US.
OUR FATE IS ALREADY SEALED
IF THERE IS ANY SIGN OF PHYSICAL CONNECTION, IT IS CONSIDERED THE GREATEST CRIME IN EDEN, PUNISHABLE BY DEATH.
THAT'S WHY THERE'S A LAW AGAINST LOVE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SAME SEX
NOW IS NO TIME TO GET OURSELVES EMBROILED IN THAT SORT OF THING
IF MEN DON'T DESIRE WOMEN, AND WOMEN DON'T DESIRE MEN, SEEDS WILL GO UNPLANTED
YET WE PERSIST IN CRAVING BODIES LIKE OUR OWN
WHEN YOU'RE ONLY IN SEASON ONCE A YEAR
I SUPPOSE IT'S DIFFICULT ENOUGH TO HAVE CHILDREN
AND IF WE ONLY REACT TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME SEX, THE POPULATION WILL CONTINUE TO FALL
I LOVE GABRIEL, BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT I DESIRE HER PHYSICALLY
LOVE AND LUST ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.
I'M SURE SHE FEELS THE SAME AND YET WE BOTH MUST WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE OFFSPRING

DON'T YOU EVER THINK ABOUT IT?
THINK ABOUT WHAT?
WHAT MUST SUCH PURE PHYSICAL PLEASURE FEEL LIKE
IF IT TAKES THE DEATH PENALTY TO STOP IT?
BUT IT MEANS YOU CAN'T KNOW WHAT SOMEONE IN HIS MATING SEASON IS THINKING
. THAT'S NOTHING UNUSUAL
YOU STILL HAVEN'T MARRIED, SO YOU'RE PROBABLY ONLY IN SEASON ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS.
EXCUSE ME?
THAT WAY MADNESS LIES AND DESTRUC-TION
YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD.

YOU SHOULD BE THINKING ABOJT GABRIEL
IF ONLY
THAT WERE THE CASE
I HAVE
HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO TEMPT A MEMBER OF THE SAME SEX?

YOU
YOU'VE NEVER TRIED ANYTHING ON ME
YOU LIE
I DON'T WANT CHIHAYA TO BECOME A MASTER
I NEED YOUR COOPER-ATION
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK

PHYS
CHIHA
KAGET
SAYAK
TOBA-S
AOZUR
MAR
OH, MIYAGI, IT'S YOU JUST TAKING MEMOS ON THE RANKING, TO TELL CHIHAYA
KAGE-TSUYA.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YEAH HE'S STAYING IN HIS ROOM
WHAT HAPPENED TO CHIHAYA? NOT FEELING WELL?
AND I KNOW HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THAT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE
NEXT UP ARE THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

OH! LOOK AT THAT!
THE TOTAL RESULTS ARE UP YOU'RE IN FIRST PLACE SO FAR, KAGE-TSUYA!
I JUST WISH HE'D STOP WASTING HIS TIME WORRYING.
NO, I'M JUST SURPRISED THAT YOU'D TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE THAT.
WHY IS THAT, KAGE-TSUYA?
Dammit!
Dammit!
I'M ONLY 19 POINTS AHEAD OF CHIHAYA HE'LL CATCH UP IN THE MAJOR FIELDS!
WHAT?! OH NO! THIS IS HORRI-BLE!
WOW CHIHAYA'S PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.
Argh!
MENTAL BALANCE, AND NATURAL EARTH STUDIES, AND SPACE DYNAMICS, AND
HUH?
.....!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED!
DON'T THINK I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW YOU BULLIED HIM DURING THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE CEREMONY
WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALK-ING ABOUT?
I STILL YELL AT HIM
Hm?
AND YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, KAGETSUYA YOU ALWAYS USED TO YELL AT HIM!
WHERE DOES IT HURT, ELVIRA?
HERE

AH, I SEE THESE ARE YOUR WINGS
WINGS?
IT'S NOT CANCER, SO DON'T WORRY
IT'S JUST YOUR WINGS EMERG-ING
YOU REALLY HAVE GROWN UP QUICKLY
THAT'S BECAUSE I WISHED SO HARD TO BE OF AN AGE TO SUIT YOU BETTER
WISHED, HUH?
MM-HM
THEY DO.
IF YOU DESIRE THEM ENOUGH
IF ONLY WISHES REALLY CAME TRUE

I'M HERE, SERAPHIM
I LOVE YOU
I'LL
EDEN, MY DISTANT HOMELAND
I'D LIKE TO TAKE YOU BACK TO EDEN WITH ME
I WANT TO SHOW YOU THE COLOR OF THE SKY
BE YOUR EDEN
THOUGH I'M FLOATING ON A PLANET OF BEAUTIFUL WATER AND AIR, I WANT TO GO HOME

HOW WE'RE TIED BY BLOOD, HOW I LOVE YOU.

I COULDN'T BE PROUDER

AND THE FACT THAT I WAS BORN A WOMAN. ALL OF THESE THINGS MAKE ME SO HAPPY

I'LL NEVER BE ALONE YOU'LL ALWAYS BE WITH ME

THE ONLY THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT . IS LEAVING YOU ALONE

I'M A WOMAN, SERAPHIM.

A CREATURE WHO WILL STAY BY HER MAN'S SIDE 'TIL THE VERY END

"IT'S TOO LATE." "IT'S CANCER."

"THEY'VE TURNED PITCH BLACK."

EDEN, THE STAR THAT GAVE BIRTH TO ME, RAISED ME, LOVED ME, AND WAS TO LET ME DIE

I WANT TO GO HOME I WANT TO GO HOME I WANT TO GO HOME

CHI-HAYA!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHIHAYA?
WAS IT A NIGHT-MARE?
DON'T CRY YOU'RE NOT A KID ANY-MORE.
IT
WAS JUST A DREAM
IT'S
IT'S NOTHING
THANK GOOD-NESS.

TRY TO GET SOME MORE SLEEP
KAGE-TSUYA!
I SAID, STOP CRYING!
DON'T WORRY THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF
I PROMISE YOU, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY MORE NIGHTMARES
IT'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT
IF YOU WAKE UP AGAIN, JUST CALL FOR ME I'LL BE IN THE NEXT ROOM

JUST DON'T THINK ABOUT IT ANY-MORE, OKAY?
NOW GET SOME SLEEP
OKAY
AND NO MORE CRYING
O-OKAY
KAGETSUYA WHAT IF I HAVE CANCER? WHAT'LL I DO?
YOU DON'T HAVE CANCER.
OH NO IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN.
GOOD NIGHT!
DON'T FORGET, I'M JUST NEXT DOOR
I'M FALLING IN LOVE WITH HIM AGAIN.

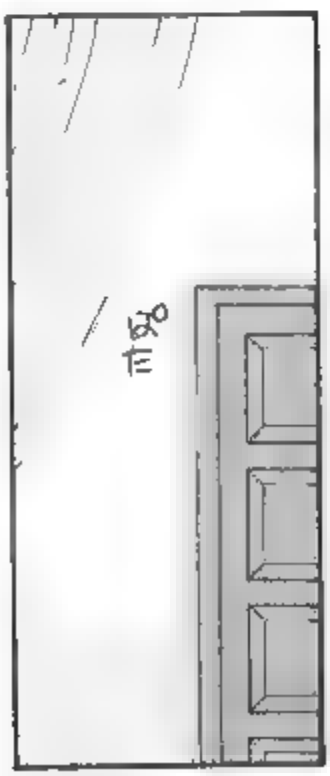
R-RIGHT! I'LL JUST FOCUS ON GETTING BETTER SCORES, AND PROVING THAT WE MAKE A GOOD PAIRING BY NOT GETTING IN KAGETSUYA'S WAY!
THAT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO
OH, THAT
WHAT'S ALL THIS TALK ABOUT CANCER?
WAIT DOES HE HAVE IT?
IT'S NOT-HING
I FORGOT, NOT EVERY-ONE KNOWS ABOUT THE BLACK CANCER YET
O-OKAY
How could he have cancer?
NO! HE'S BEEN EATING PROPERLY!
EVEN IF WE ARE FROM DIFFERENT SOCIAL CLASSES

Sorry I asked

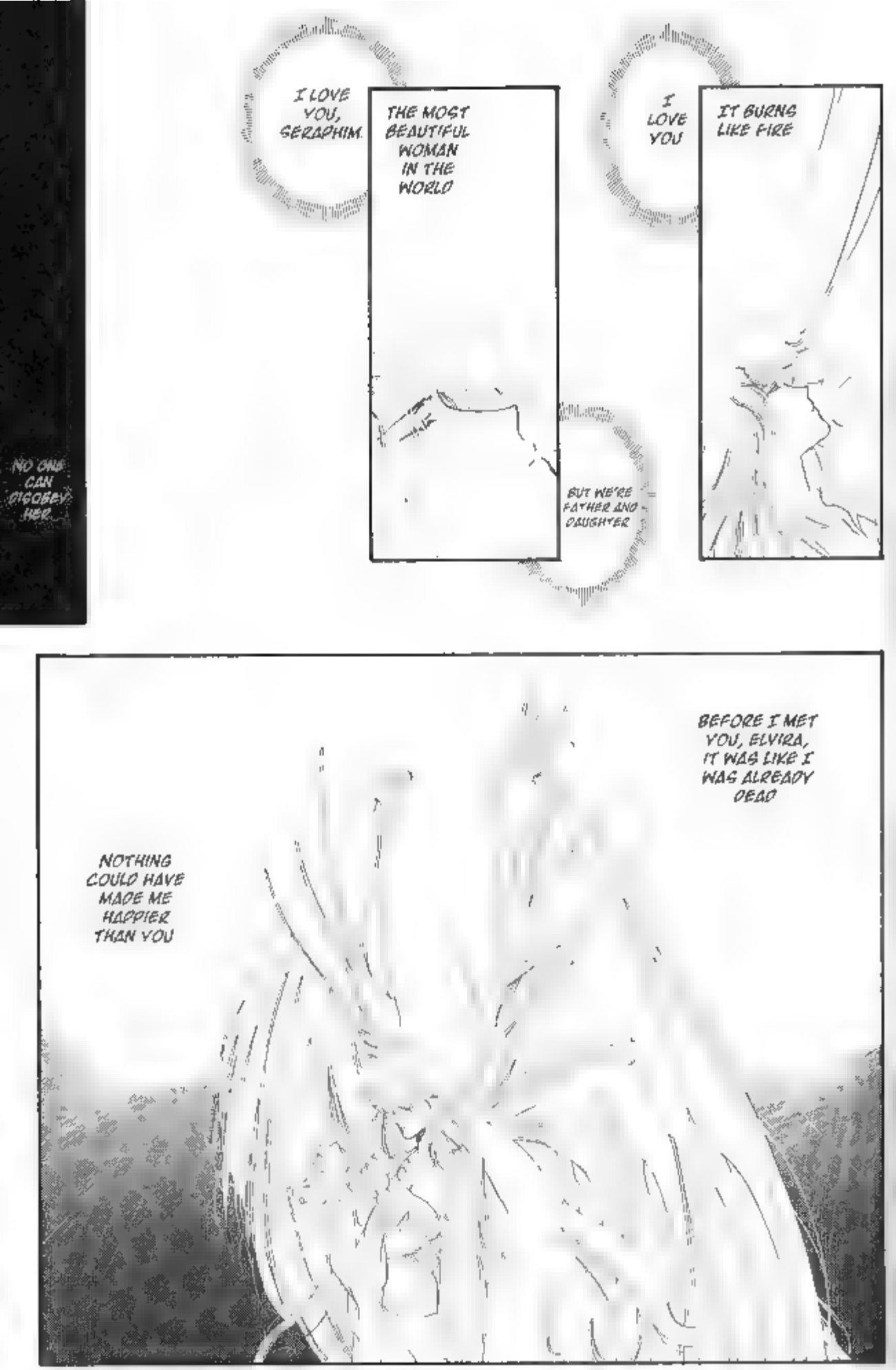
I CAN'T WAIT
I'M STILL NOT VERY GOOD AT COOKING
BUT I'LL MANAGE UNTIL YOU GET BETTER AGAIN
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
YES?
ELVIRA
YOU REMEMBER HOW TO USE THE COMMUNICATOR, RIGHT?
AFTER I'M GONE.
I KNOW HE'LL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING
LORD MICHAEL'S CONTACT CODE IS NO 014-26888
BRING ME THE FLOPPY DISK
AND FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE NOT DYING!
HE'S THE ONE WHO EXILED YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE! WE CAN'T GO CRAWLING BACK TO THE ENEMY!

ON IT IS ALL THE INFORMATION I HAVE ABOUT THE BLACK CANCER
IT CAN BECOME OUR TRUMP CARD
BEFORE LONG, THAT INFORMATION WILL BE INCREDIBLY VALUABLE TO THOSE ON EDEN

LORD MICHAEL I AM A BEAST



I LOVE MY DAUGHTER
MORE THAN I LOVED MY WIFE
I LOVE HER, AND YET SHE'S STILL SO YOUNG
I'M NOW ON MY DEATHBED
SO PLEASE, MAKE MY DAUGHTER HAPPY, THE HAPPIEST IN THE WORLD


NO ONE CAN DISOBEY HER
I LOVE YOU, SERAPHIM
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD
BUT WE'RE FATHER AND DAUGHTER
I LOVE YOU
IT BURNS LIKE FIRE
NOTHING COULD HAVE MADE ME HAPPIER THAN YOU
BEFORE I MET YOU, ELVIRA, IT WAS LIKE I WAS ALREADY DEAD

SERAPHIM! I BROUGHT THE DISK!
SERAPHIM?
YOU SILLY!
NO FAIR, FALLING ASLEEP WHILE I WAS GONE
SERAPHIM?

YES, WE'VE CONFIRMED HIS DEATH
WHAT?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE SERAPHIM WOULD--
SERAPHIM'S DEAD?!
SERAPHIM!!
WHAT DO I DO?!
SERAPHIM'S DEATH MEANS THAT

WE MUST FORMALLY APPOINT SOMEONE FOR NEXT TERM'S SUPREME MASTER OF THE PLUS CHECKERS.
HE CAN'T HANDLE THE RESPONSI-BILITIES OF BEING A SUPREME MASTER!
CHIHAYA'S ONLY SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD
SERAPHIM'S DEATH MEANS CHIHAYA WILL BECOME MASTER
IT'S CRAZY!
NO! I WON'T DO IT!
THE MOST RECENT EXAMINATIONS' RESULTS MAKE IT CLEAR CHIHAYA IS THE IDEAL CANDIDATE TO REPLACE SERAPHIM
IN TERMS OF TOTAL SCORE POINTS, CHIHAYA IS NATURALLY NEXT

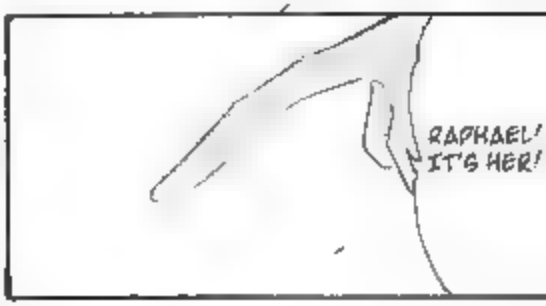
RAPHAEL!!
YES, WE MUST GIVE HIM A NEW PARTNER
IT IS NOT MY FAULT THAT THINGS ARE NOT GOING AS YOU'D HOPED, SIR
I HAVE RECEIVED NEWS THAT SERAPHIM LEFT BEHIND A DAUGHTER.
I SUGGEST WE SEND KAGETSUYA DOWN TO RETRIEVE HER
URGH OHH

URK!

I'M CONNECTED!
Number 01426888
WHAT'S THIS? AN EMERGENCY SIGNAL?
IT'S CONNECTED TO A DIRECT CIRCUIT!
HELLO? AM I GETTING THROUGH?
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH MICHAEL!

THE REAL ANGEL DIED!

I'M ELVIRA SERAPHIM'S DAUGHTER


RAPHAEL! IT'S HER!

ARE YOU MICHAEL?

SHE'S NOT AN ANGEL.
BUT SHE HAS WINGS!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR THAT!
WHY DID YOU BANISH SERAPHIM?! ALL HE WANTED WAS TO GO BACK HOME!
ELVIRA
IT'S EMERGENCY BUSINESS.
CALLING KAGETSUYA TO THE OFFICE
IT CONTAINS ALL OF SERAPHIM'S DATA ON THE BLACK CANCER!
SEE THIS FLOPPY HERE?
I HOPE EVERY ONE OF YOU DIES A SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATH.
BUT I WON'T GIVE IT TO YOU!
SEND KAGETSUYA DOWN THERE IMMEDIATELY!
TRACE THE SIGNAL!

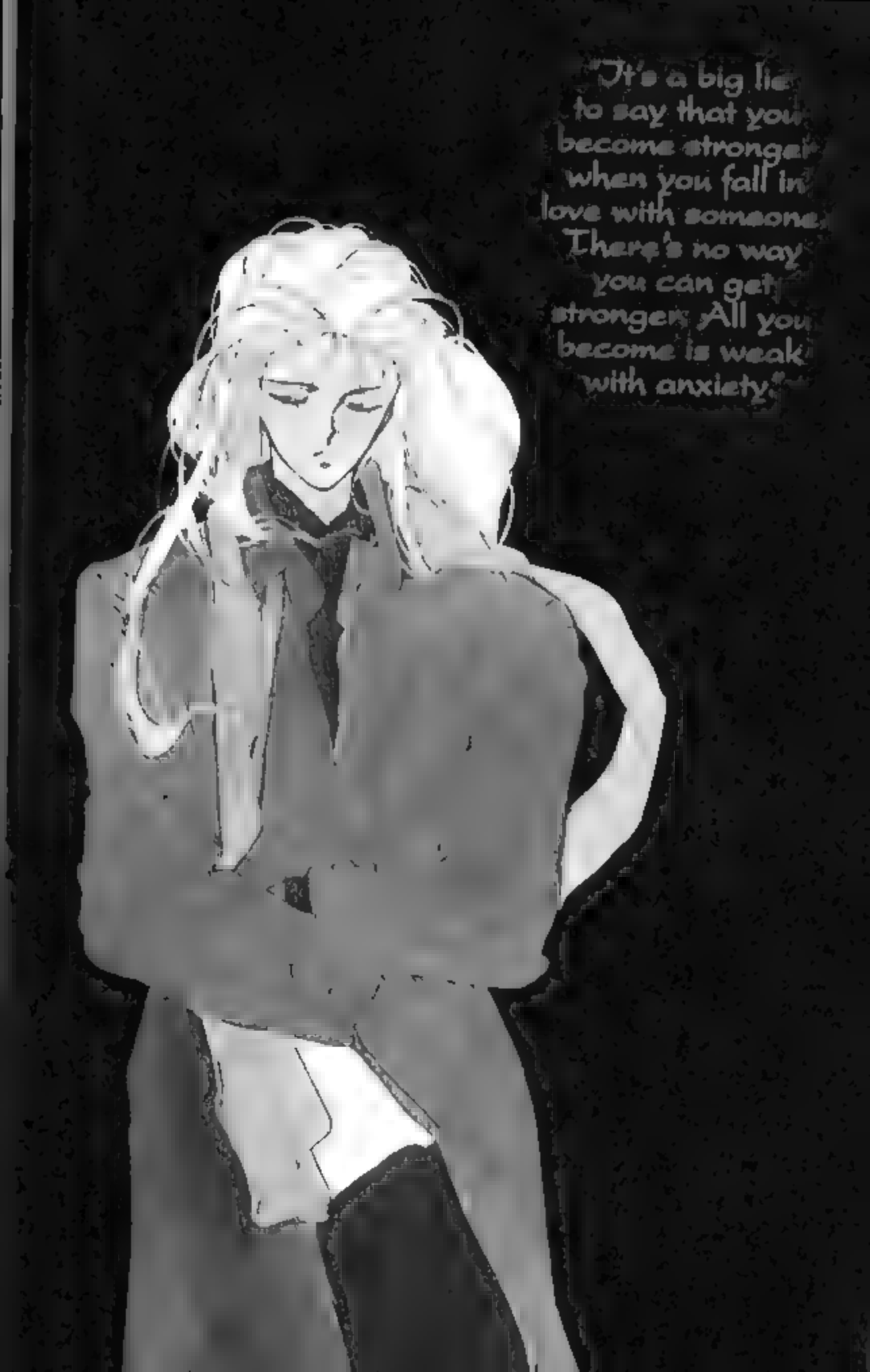
HUH?
YOU WANT ME TO GO TO EARTH RIGHT AWAY?
I'M NOT CRYING!
SAVE YOUR TEARS OVER SERAPHIM FOR LATER.
HOLD YOURSELF TOGETHER, LORD MICHAEL
EXAMS AREN'T OVER YET
YES, SIR.
THIS IS AN EMER-GENCY
I'LL GO GET CHIHAYA--
FORGET ABOUT CHIHAYA
YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH HIM IS TEMPORARILY DISSOLVED

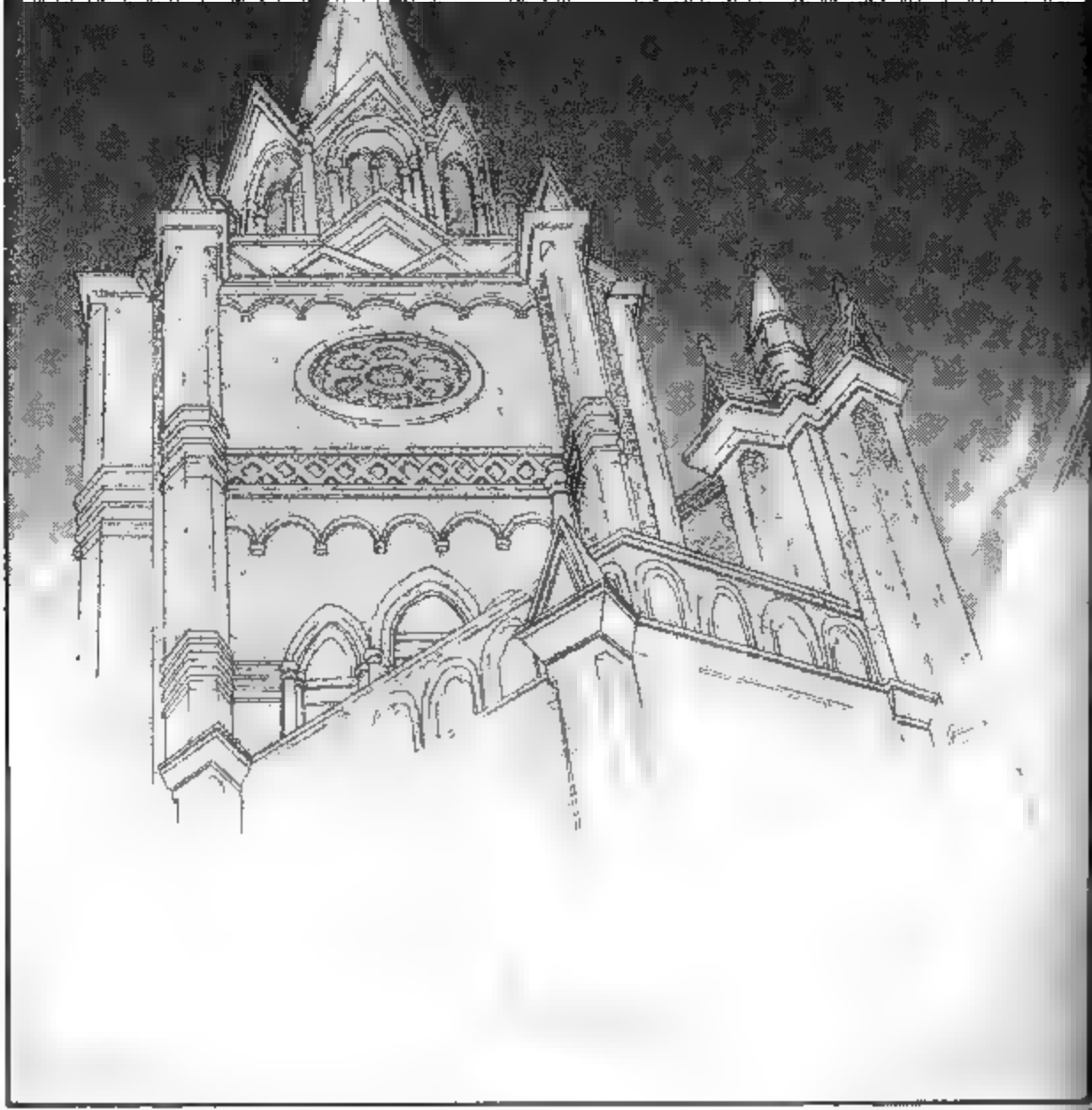
AS FOR THE MISSION AT HAND
WHAT ?
FIND SERAPHIM'S DAUGHTER, ELVIRA
RETRIEVE THE FLOPPY DISK THAT CONTAINS INFOR-MATION ON THE BLACK CANCER
WHAT DID HE JUST SAY?!
EXCUSE ME, LORD RAPHAEL, BUT
WHEN YOU SAY THAT MY PARTNER-SHIP WITH CHIHAYA IS "TEMPORARILY" DISSOLVED YOU MEAN FOR THIS ONE MISSION?
AFTER THE MISSION, IT WILL BE PERMANENTLY ENDED
YES.

...the meteorite fell.
...above everyone.
And then...

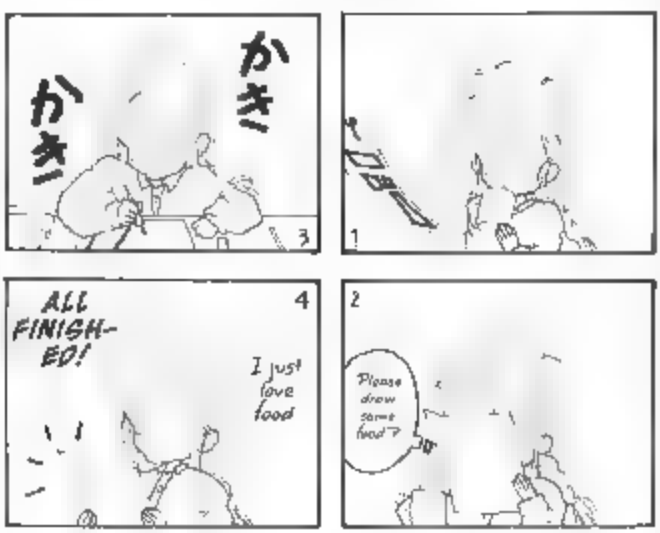
"He's like a treasure to me. He's someone I want to take care of and keep beautiful. Is that love?"

TWO


"It's a big lie to say that you become stronger when you fall in love with someone. There's no way you can get stronger. All you become is weak with anxiety."



Tomo Specialist Assistant, age 22 Scorpio. Blood type B For a woman who acts as innocent as a child, she's got plenty of experience on her side When it comes to drawing food, she can't be more fastidious She must have special blood or something, because she never gains weight, no matter how much she eats. She's the only one at the office who doesn't get distracted by video games, and she likes to take life at her own pace She's a diehard fan of TM and Detective Abu, and has recently been in a relationship But there's a lot of competition out there so we're here cheering her on.



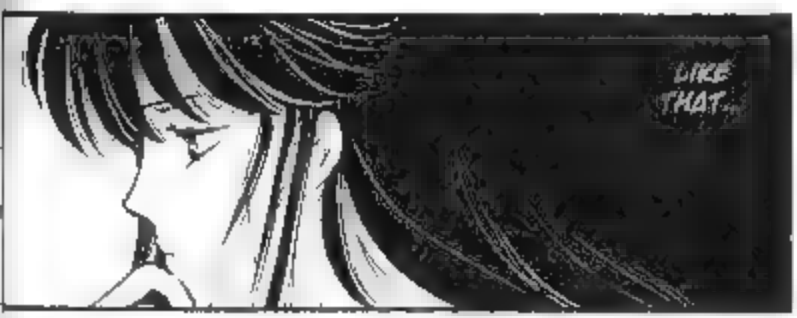
I WILL CONTACT YOJ ONCE THE DECISION HAS BEEN FORMALLY CARRIED OJT
AS OF THIS AFTER-NOON, YOUR PARTNER-SHIP WITH KAGETSUYA HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY DISSOLVED
KAGE-TSUYA WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EARTH
AND YOU WILL AWAIT FUTHER ORDERS HERE ON VALHALLA
MAY I ASK.
WHO KAGE-TSUYA'S NEW PARTNER IS?

I MUST ADMIT
YOU'RE TAKING THIS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT YOU WOULD
SAYAKA? I DON'T KNOW HIM HE MUST NOT BE IN MY GRADE
IS HE YOUNGER THAN ME?

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON

SAYAKA IS

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU FEELING OKAY?
HURRY IT UP, WOULD YOU? YOU HAVEN'T EVEN CLEANED UP YET!


LIKE THAT...

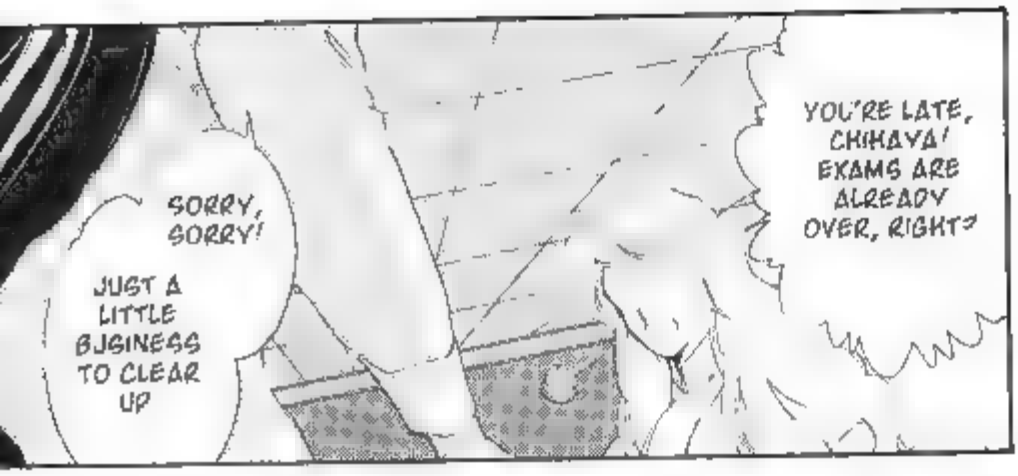
HOW CARELESS CAN YOU BE?!
YOU HAVE SO MANY TYPOS IN YOUR REPORTS!

WILL KAGETSUYA SHOW HIM ALL THE SAME FACES HE USED TO SHOW ME?

WHAT KIND OF PERSON WILL BE EATING LUNCH WITH HIM?
IT'S STRANGE WHAT KIND OF PERSON WILL BE TALKING WITH KAGETSUYA?

LORD MICHAEL
I KNOW YOU'VE IMPROVED SO MUCH SINCE YOU WERE WITH KAGETSUYA
I'M SORRY
I'M ALL RIGHT
YOU SEEMED TO BE HAVING SUCH A GOOD TIME
YOU'RE HAPPY, AND HAVE SO MUCH MORE SELF-CONFI-DENCE!
I'M TOTALLY FINE WITH WHOEVER MY PARTNER IS.
I UNDER-STAND THIS IS HOW WORK S.
JUST BECAUSE WE'RE NOT TOGETHER DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE NOT FRIENDS ANYMORE I'LL STILL SEE HIM ONCE IN A WHILE
SO YOU'RE JUST GOING TO ACCEPT IT?
I'M TOTALLY FINE!

PLEASE DON'T WORRY, LORD MICHAEL
IT'S NOT THAT I'M TRYING TO JUST ACCEPT BAD NEWS.
IF THERE WAS ANYONE OUT THERE WHO KNEW THE REAL YOU
IT MADE ME WONDER.
EVERY TIME I SAW YOJ TRYING TO PUT UP WITH SO MJCH



BESIDES. IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAD A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

SAYAKA!
I HEARD THE NEWS!

I ONLY BECAME A PLUG CHECKER TO WORK WITH KAGE-TSUYA!

I'M SO TOTALLY JEALOUS!
YOU'RE REALLY PAIRED UP WITH KAGE-TSUYA NOW?!
YOU'RE ASSIGNED TO EARTH, RIGHT? LUCKY!

TALK ABOUT YOUR HIDDEN AGENDAS.
I'LL TRY MY BEST!

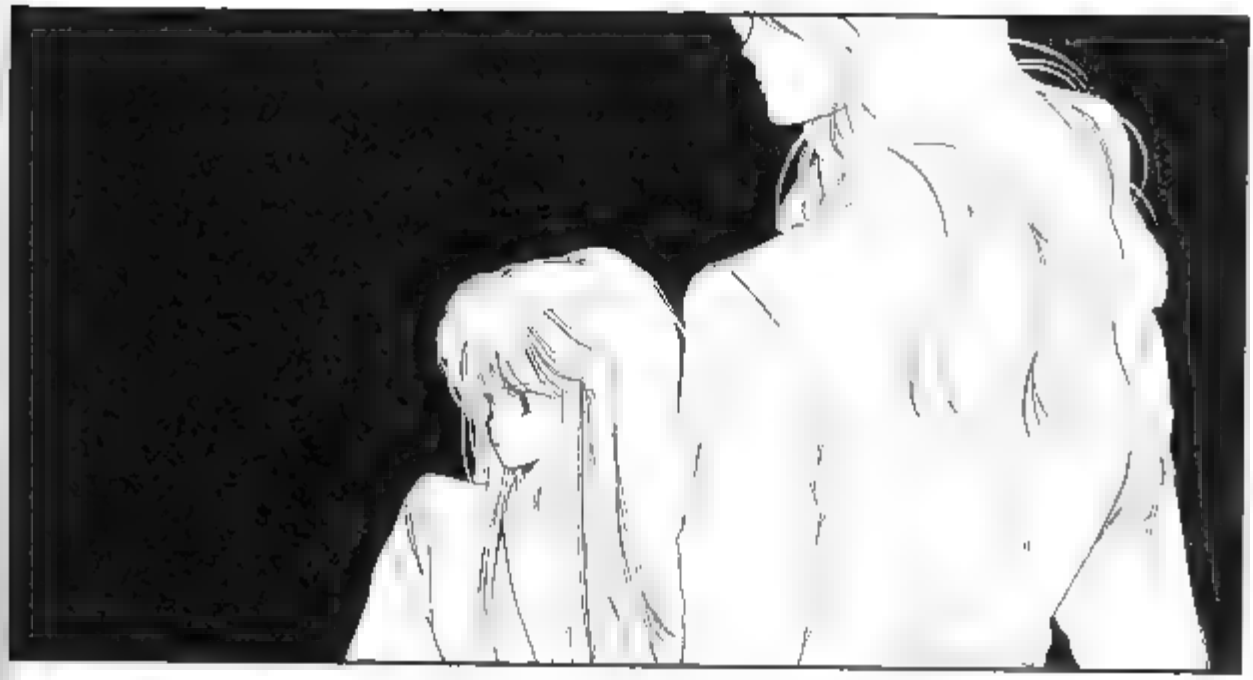
OH! KAGE-TSUYA-SAN!
JUST TRY NOT TO GET IN MY WAY
HELLO! IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU!
I'M SAYAKA, YOUR PARTNER FROM NOW ON!

HELLO THERE, CHIKAYA! I'M SAYAKA
I'LL BE KAGETSUYA'S PARTNER IN YOUR PLACE STARTING TODAY! I PROMISE TO DO MY BEST!
IT'S SAYAKA!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOJ I'M CHIKAYA
GOOD LUCK
SO HE'S THE ONE TAKING MY PLACE, HUH?
SAYAKA
YOU CAN DROD THE FORMALITIES WITH ME
I'M NOT SO STANDOFFISH THAT I NEED MY PARTNER ADDING "-SAN" TO THE END OF MY NAME

I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO BE JSEFJL TO YOU!
Y-YOU GOT IT!
I SWEAR
YOU LJCKY DOG!
HE'S MY PARTNER!
SAYAKA, YOU DID IT!
I STUDIED HARD SO THAT I WOLLON'T GET IN YOUR WAY
THE FIRST TIME I FOUND OUT I WAS PAIRED UP WITH YOJ
I REMEMBER.

YUP HEARD ABOUT IT EALIER
I'M GLAD HE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD KID
GOOD LUCK TO THE BOTH OF YOU
DID YOU KNOW ABOJT THE CANCELLATION OF OUR PARTNERSHIP?
YOU'RE SUCH A DORK, SAYAKA
WAGGING YOUR TAIL AT HIM LIKE THAT
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY PRIDE IN YOURSELF?

I'VE GOT PLENTY OF CONFIDENCE IT'S MY GOOD POINT
AND I'LL LIKE WHO I LIKE
SO I HAVE NO PROBLEMS SAYING IT OUT LOUD
BUT IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
HEY! GET OFF HIS CASE.
This is a happy event!
I THINK I'M CONFIDENT, BUT
ISN'T CONFIDENCE SOMETIMES THROWING AWAY YOUR MEANINGLESS PRIDE AND BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF?



SINCE WE WON'T BE PARTNERS ANYMORE
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE SOMEONE OTHER THAN ME...

I WONDER IF
I'LL HAVE TO CALL YOU "KAGE-TSUYA-SAN" NEXT TIME WE MEET
IT'S SO STRANGE.
HUH?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
BEING WITH HIM.

WHAT DO I DO?
JUST HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN TOGETHER?!
YOU'RE STILL GOING ON ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT? STOP BEING A WIMP!
I DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM HIM.
YEAH, RIGHT, LIKE I COULD EVER ADMIT SOMETHING SO SELFISH
I WANT TO STAY WITH HIM
DON'T CRY
IF I CRY, HE'LL YELL AT ME HE'LL HATE ME
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT?!
AREN'T YOU A LITTLE SAD OR UPSET
ABOUT OUR PARTNER-SHIP ENDING?
I DON'T WANT THIS!

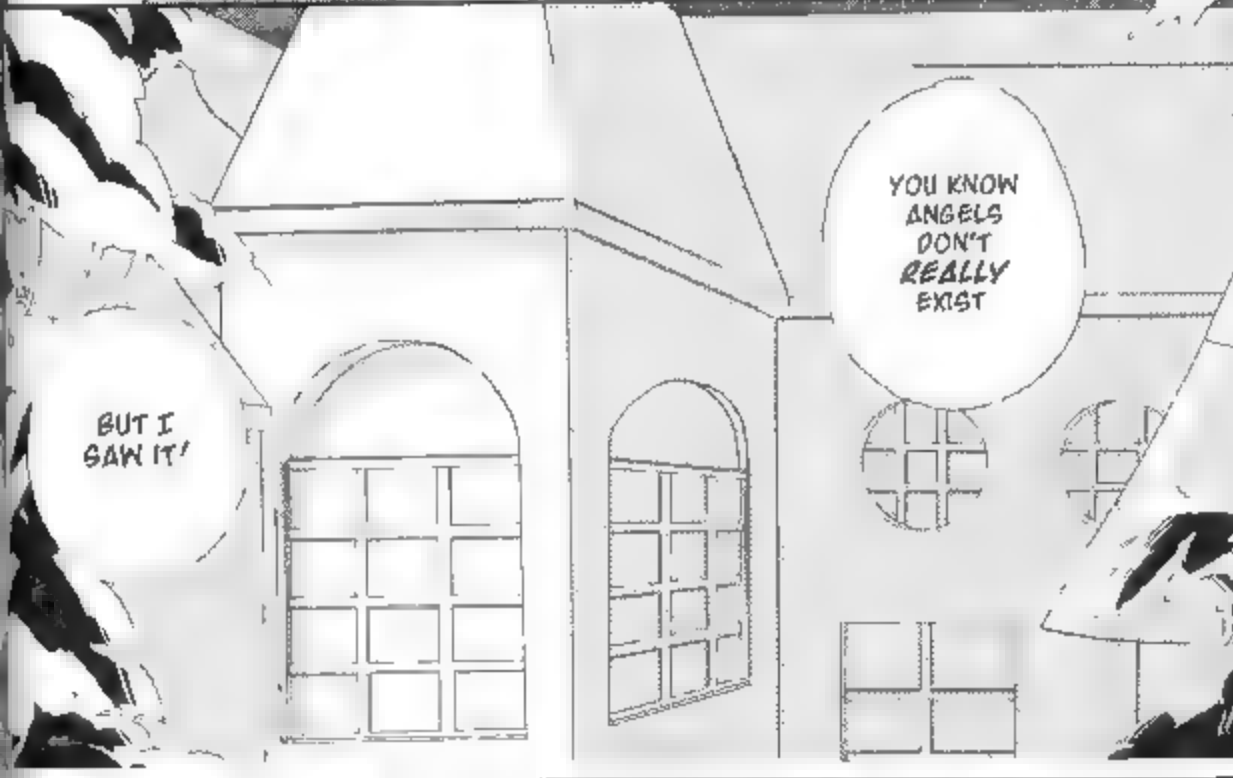
KAGE-TSUYA!
DO YOU THINK I'M STRANGE?
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM.
HEY, ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING?
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM TO ANYONE ELSE
BUT HOW COULD I EVER SAY THAT OUT LOUD?

BUT WHAT IF I NEVER WANTED TO BE APART FROM HIM?
WHAT IF I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE HIM UP TO ANYONE ELSE?
W-WELL, WHAT IF THERE WAS SOMEONE I LIKED?
AND I THOUGHT THAT I WANTED TO BE WITH HIM FOREVER WOULD THAT BE WEIRD?
WH-WHY STRANGE?
THERE'S NOTHING WEIRD ABOUT THAT!
NO, THAT'S PERFECTLY NORMAL!
IT'D BE WEIRD...
TO WANT TO BE APART FROM THAT PERSON!

I NEVER REALIZED
HUH ?
THERE WAS SUCH A TEMPEST INSIDE OF ME
HEY! WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHIHAYA?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

CHIHAYA!
"I'LL BE TOTALLY FINE!"
"JUST BECAUSE WE'RE NOT TOGETHER DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE NOT FRIENDS ANYMORE"
IT WAS ALL A LIE!
THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ABOUT BEING SEPARATED!

SHH! KEEP IT DOWN!
NO! I SAW IT!
NO WAY! YOU LIE!


YOU KNOW ANGELS DON'T *REALLY* EXIST
BUT I SAW IT!

THAT MANSION HAS BEEN EMPTY FOR YEARS.
I'M COLD I WANNA GO HOME
BUT I'M TELLIN' YA--
IT'S GETTING DARK LET'S GO HOME
WAIT! JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER! I SWEAR IT'S REAL!
YOU MUST'VE JUST BEEN SEEIN' THINGS
SEE YA TOMOR-ROW!
BYE!
I SWEAR IT'S TRUE!
IT'S A LONG-HAIRED GIRL ANGEL!

SHE REALLY IS AN ANGEL!
HEY.
AND JUST WHO ARE YOU?
I'M NOT AN ANGEL.
THE WINGS ARE JUST A SPECIAL TRAIT
I TOLD 'EM THERE WAS AN ANGEL!
THIS IS SO COOL! I TOLD THEM THEY SHOULD'VE WAITED!
SHEESH, YOU'LL GET SOAKED OUT THERE!
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD WHY DON'T YOU COME INSIDE?
S-SPECIAL WHAT?

HELP YOUR-SELF
WOW! TEA MADE BY AN ANGEL!
I'LL SAY IT ONE MORE TIME I'M REALLY NOT AN ANGEL
I'M ELVIRA
JUST A WOMAN WITH A SPECIAL MUTATION TRAIT

BUT YOU CAN'T LET HUMANS SEE THEM, RIGHT?
MEH, NOT REALLY
I DON'T CARE IF ANYONE SEES THEM
BAD PEOPLE MIGHT TRY TO CAPTURE YOU!
Stubborn kid
I CAN, BUT IT TAKES TOO MUCH ENERGY, SO I JUST KEEP THEM OUT
CAN YOU CLOSE YOUR WINGS?
I KNOW! YOU'RE KEEPING IT A SECRET RIGHT?
I won't tell anyone
B-BUT, YOU MIGHT BE CHASED BY SOME MEAN PEOPLE!
WHAT?!
I ALREADY HAD SOME BADDIES AFTER ME ANYWAY.
THAT'S HORRIBLE!
RIGHT, RIGHT HUMAN TEST SUBJECT, ZOO, OR EVEN THE CIRCUS!
JUST BRING 'EM ON!

UH. THEY'RE AFTER THIS DISK I HAVE, SEE
WHO ARE THE BADDIES?
THEY'RE THE BLOND ANGELS.
HUH?
DON'T WORRY I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM THEM, ELVIRA
THEY'RE THE BAD GUYS?
THE BLOND ANGELS?
THE BLOND ANGELS ARE THE ENEMY
THEY'RE THE VILLAINS.
YES.

DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
NO WAY
DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT I'M SAYING?

ERM
WELL
I DUNNO

WELL? DO YOU?

UH
YES
I BELIEVE YOU

IT'S AN ORDER
WHAT JSE IS KNOWING THE REASON BEHIND IT?
I CANNOT ACCEPT THE CANCELING OF MY CURRENT PARTNER-SHIP
I WOJLD LIKE TO HEAR THE REASON
I CANNOT AGREE WITH IT
YOU CAN'T AGREE WITH IT?
THEN LET'S FIRST HEAR YOUR REASON FOR THAT
WHY DON'T YOU WANT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CHIHAYA DISSOLVED?

"DON'T YOU HAVE TO ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT?!"
BE-CAUSE ..
BE-CAUSE?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID TO HIM EARLIER, BUT .
"AREN'T YOU A LITTLE SAD OR UPSET ABOUT OUR PARTNER-SHIP ENDING?"
AM I THE ONLY ONE FEELING THAT WAY?!
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE SEPARATED FROM CHIHAYA, DO YOU?
LET ME REPHRASE THE QUESTION

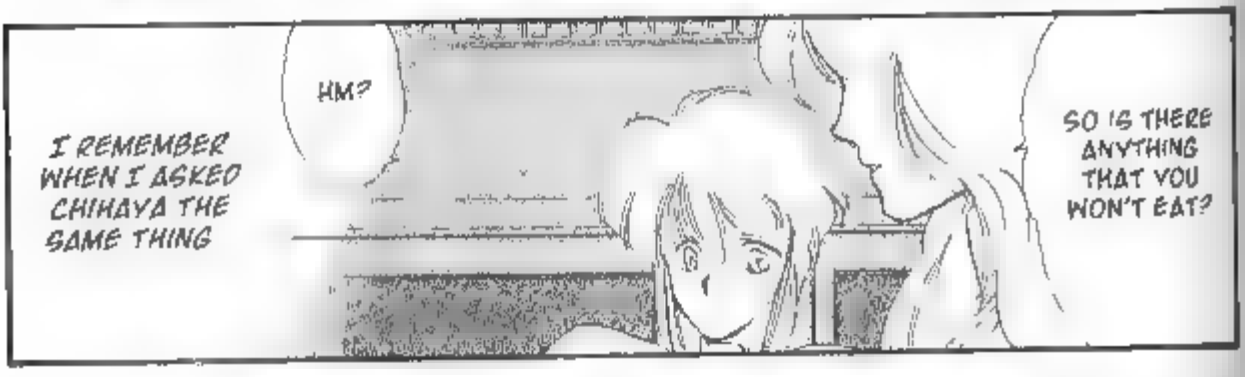
LORD RAPHAEL!
YOU TWO CAN'T BE SEPA-RATED
THAT'S WHY IT WAS DECIDED THAT YOU BE PHYSICALLY SEPARATED.
I KNOW HOW IT IS.
TH-THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT--
I CAN RELATE
ONLY WHEN EX-PRESSED PHYS-CALLY
WHAT ARE YOJ TALKING ABOUT?
HOMO-SEXUAL LOVE IS PUNISH-ABLE BY DEATH!

YOU MAY LEAVE NOW, KAGETSUYA SAYAKA IS WAITING FOR YOU
OH
ME?
WAS THAT REALLY THE RIGHT THING TO DO?!
BUT ! LORD RAPHAEL, WERE YOU ALSO SEPARATED FROM THE ONE YOU LOVED?
I'LL BE BY HIS SIDE UNTIL DEATH
I WAS NEVER SEPARATED FROM HIM AND I NEVER INTEND TO BE

KAGE-TSUYA!
HOW DID THE TALK GO?
GOT NOTHING SETTLED
YOU WERE WITH LORD RAPHAEL, RIGHT?
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN I FEEL LIKE HE REALLY HATES ME
NO WAY!
HE CAN BE QUITE CRUEL.

THEN LET'S GIVE HIM NO MORE REASONS TO BE MEAN TO US!

YEAH RIGHT
OKAY THEN, LET'S GET GOING!


HM?
I REMEMBER WHEN I ASKED CHIHAYA THE SAME THING
SO IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WON'T EAT?

NOPE! I'LL EAT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING!

WELL, I CAN'T STAND SWEET FOODS
OR SPICY FOODS
OH, AND I DON'T LIKE FISH, AND MEAT'S A LITTLE--

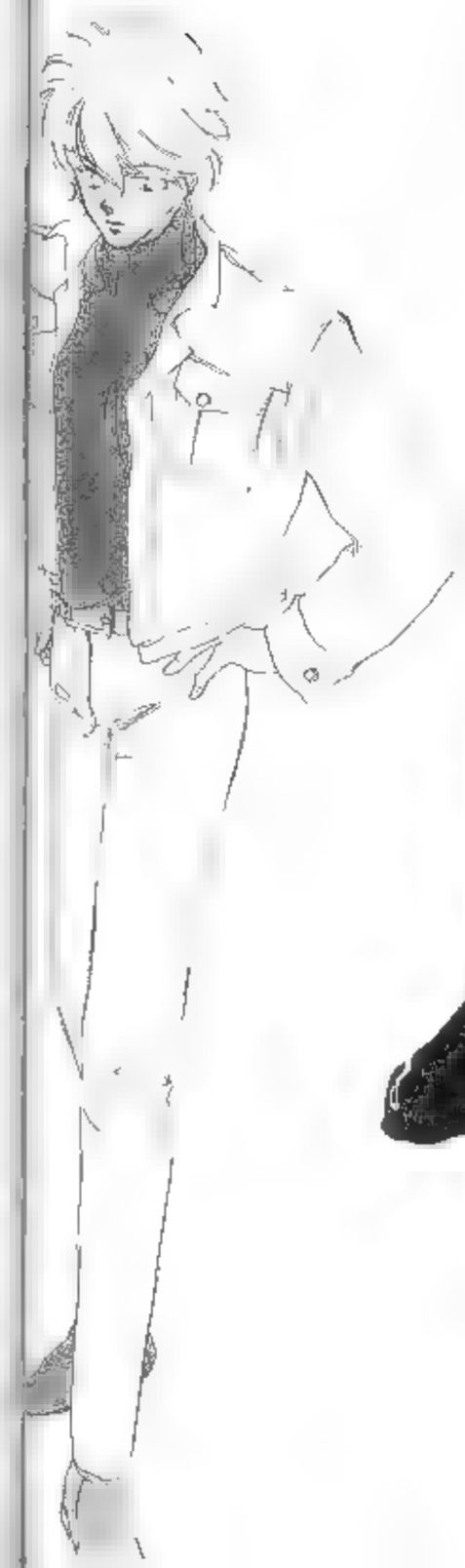
YOU'VE GOTTA BE THE PICKIEST EATER EVER!
HUH? B-B-BUT--!
I'LL FIGHT THEM, OF COURSE
SO WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WHEN THE BLOND ANGELS COME TO ATTACK?
I'M NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING ANYMORE

I DION'T WANT TO.

LOSE HIM TO ANYONE ELSE
THE KAGETSUYA AND SAYAKA TEAM IS NOW DESCENDING TO EARTH!

会社爆発
事故
DOC, LOOK!
EXPLO-
DED!
HOUSE'S
IZU BASE
.....
IT MUST
HAVE
BEEN
TAKAKO

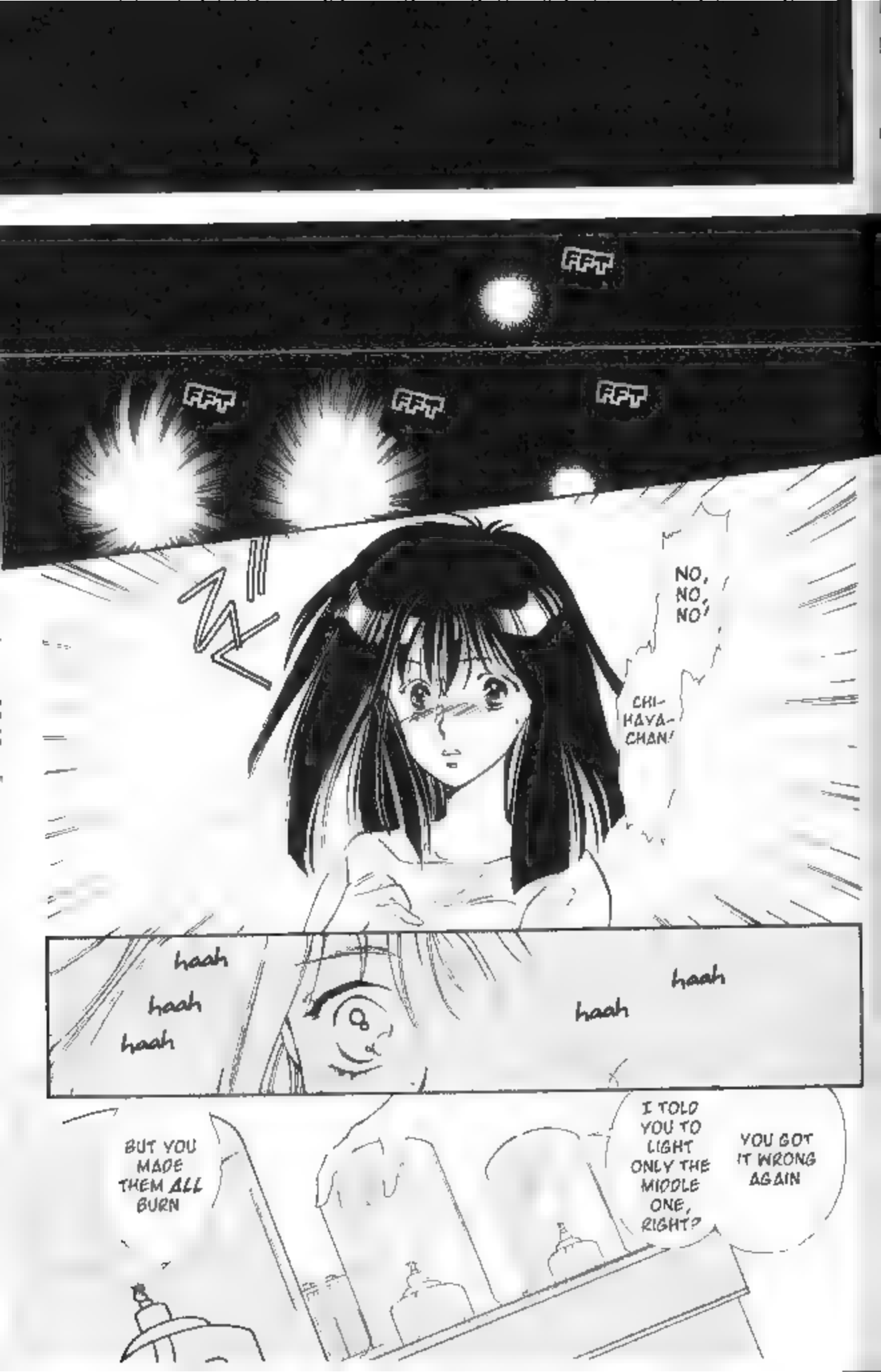
ETERNAL ROMANCE PART 3



Don't worry
Your restful nights are now over
Replaced with the pain
of having met that special person

It is neither good
nor bad
It's both a gift
and a sickness

My heart is fluttering
Even from that single kiss


FFT
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NO, NO, NO!
CHI-HAYA-CHAN!
haah
haah
haah
haah
haah
BUT YOU MADE THEM ALL BURN
I TOLD YOU TO LIGHT ONLY THE MIDDLE ONE, RIGHT?
YOU GOT IT WRONG AGAIN

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL DO IT SOMEDAY
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T NOW
YOU'LL GET IT WITH PRACTICE
haa hfff
MY HEAD HURTS.
BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
I WONDER IF I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO CONTROL MY POWERS COMPLETELY
OKAY, DOCTOR I'LL TRY

This seems random, but This space was used for the "story so far" when it ran in South magazine Speaking of summaries. I stink at writing them, even when they are about my own ser es., I always have my editor or manager write them for me. Wonder what everyone else does?, Usually. the editor does it, right? If youre able to do it yourself though. that's probably best ,

I get the feeling that the story of Earthian ust doesn't go well with summer But right now, we're right in the middle of July. and I'm melting from the heat', What I look forward to most about summer is the hottest t me of the day. between 1 and 2 P M That's when I ride my bike under the blazing s m to the park for 5 minutes It's so incredibly hot Oh', It's not so much the ride there that I look forward to. but drinking a nice cold beer in the sunlight of the park when I get there Speaking of beer maybe it wouldn't suit Chihaya or Kagetsuya very well but I can bet Taki would be a regular beer lover ♥

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I CAN'T DO IT! YOU'LL GET HURT!
THE ONE YOU'RE HOLDING IN YOUR HAND?! THAT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
OKAY, TRY THIS ONE NEXT
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIGHT A LITTLE MATCH EASILY, RIGHT?
NO SWEAT JUST GIVE IT A TRY
YOU WOULDN'T BURN ME, WOULD YOU?
UWAAH!
Eek!
OH NO! DOCTOR!

ぷる ぷる
OUCH OUCH OUCH!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO DOING?!
DOC-TOR!
I'M SO SORRY!
WHA --!
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE RACKET, DOC?
SLAM
ぶるぶるぶるぶるっ
HE WANTED ME TO TRY AND LIGHT THE MATCH ON FIRE
I WAS MERELY TRYING TO DEVELOP HER ABILITIES.
AND JUST WHAT'S THE MEANING OF YOU TEASING POOR LITTLE CHIHAYA, HMM?

MM-HM
BUT I COULDN'T DO IT
LIGHT A MATCH ON FIRE?
OH! IT'S CHIAKI-SAN
TAKI-KUUUN! CHI'HAYA-CHAAAAN! I MADE CURRY FOR YOU TWO!
THAT'S HOW IT WAS
COME ON, LET'S GO EAT WHAT SHE BROUGHT US.
NO! I DON'T WANNA!
AND JUST WHY NOT?
SEE?
Grrrumble
Grrowl
No excuses
YOU'RE HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU? LET'S GO
BE-CAUSE --

NO!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? SHE WENT THROUGH ALL THE TROUBLE OF MAKING IT, WE SHOULDN'T LET HER DOWN
WHY WOULD SHE MAKE CURRY FOR YOU?
BUT CHIAKI-SAN'S THE DOCTOR'S GIRLFRIEND, RIGHT?
OH-HO-HOOOOO, MAYBE LITTLE CHIHAYA DOESN'T LIKE CHIAKI
WH-WHAT?!
I JUST DON'T LIKE HER HANGING ALL OVER TAKI
I-IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE HER.
YES, MA'AM ♡
BUT YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME A KISS
OKAY, FINE I'LL COME
THAT'S NOT SOME-THING TO DO ALL THE TIME
NO CAN DO
I WANTED A KISS ON THE MOUTH! THE MOUTH!
NO!

HERE YOU GO, CHIKAYA-CHAN! ENJOY!
DARN IT!
UH, CHIAKI-SAN, DO YOU LIKE TAKI?
OF COURSE, I LIKE ALL HANDSOME MEN ♡
THERE'S CHEESE IN IT, TOO! ♡
BETTER EAT IT BEFORE IT GETS COLD!
HMPH WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT TAKI IS GOOD-LOOKING
BUT YOU'RE THE DOCTOR'S GIRLFRIEND, SO HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT?
AND CHIAKI-SAN'S A MIDDLE-AGED WOMAN NOW! PLUS TAKI GAVE ME MY NAME. SO THERE!
AN ANTIDOTE?

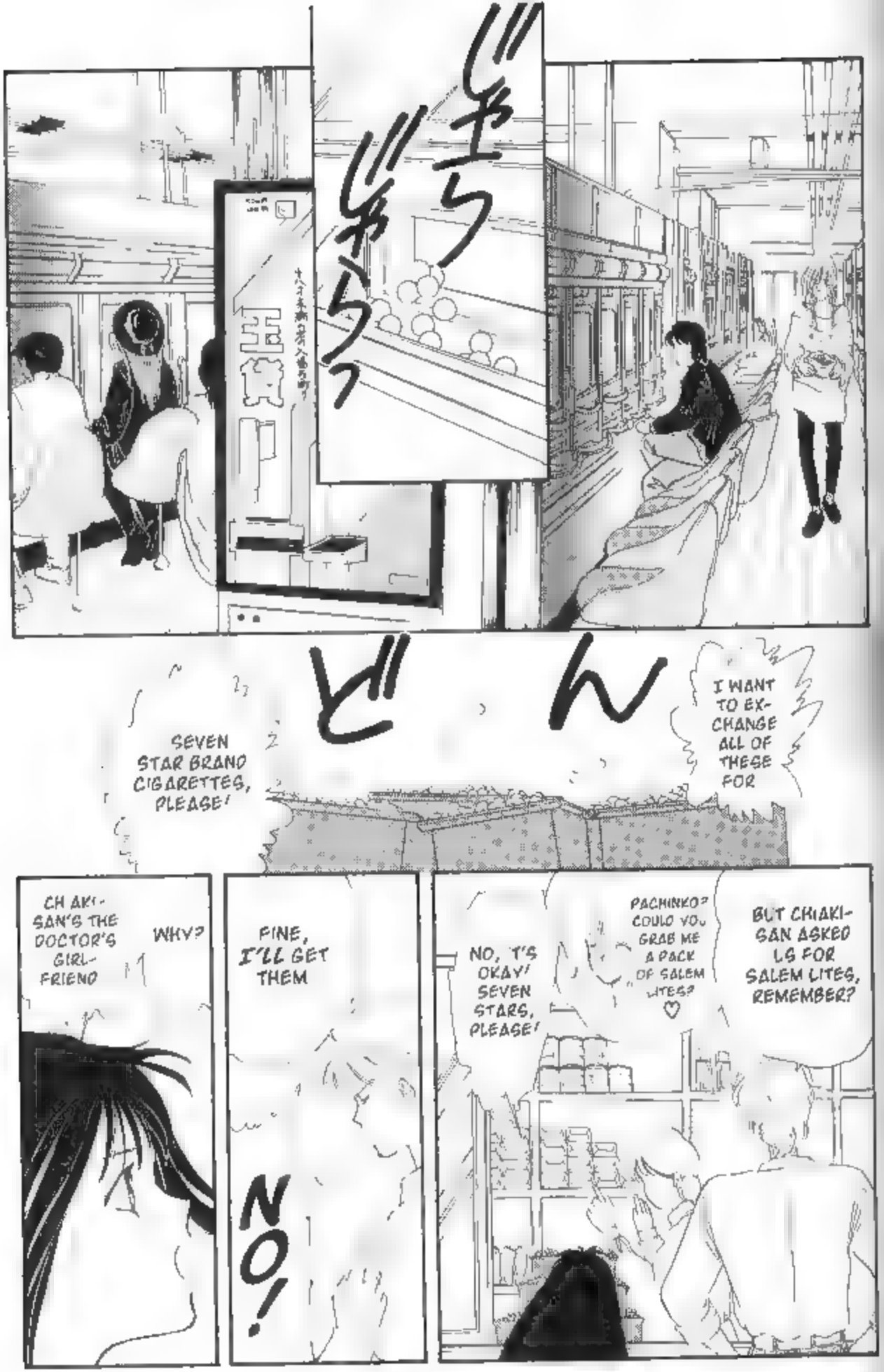
THAT WON'T BE EASY TO FIND
CHIHAYA'S PYROKENISIS WAS CAUSED BY MEDICAL TREATMENT, RIGHT?
SO, I THOJGHT THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN ANTIDOTE FOR IT
THEN, WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE WE DO?
I HIGHLY DOUBT PROFESSOR ASHIYA WOULD'VE CREATED SOMETHING LIKE THAT
I ALREADY TRIED SOME-THING
BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START

WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAK? WHAT'S MADE YOU LOOK SO SERIOUS?
HM?
THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY BIG EXPLOSIONS LATELY SHE'LL GAIN CONTROL OF HER POWERS IN NO TIME!
DON'T WORRY
DON'T TEASE ME, DOC!
WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER HER!
WHY SEND HER BACK HOME?
YOU LIKE HER, DON'T YOU?
AFTER YOUR DARING RESCUE?
SEND HER BACK HOME?
NO GOOD! CHIHAYA'S JUST A NORMAL LITTLE GIRL!
WE HAVE TO FIND HER REAL PARENTS AND TAKE HER BACK HOME!

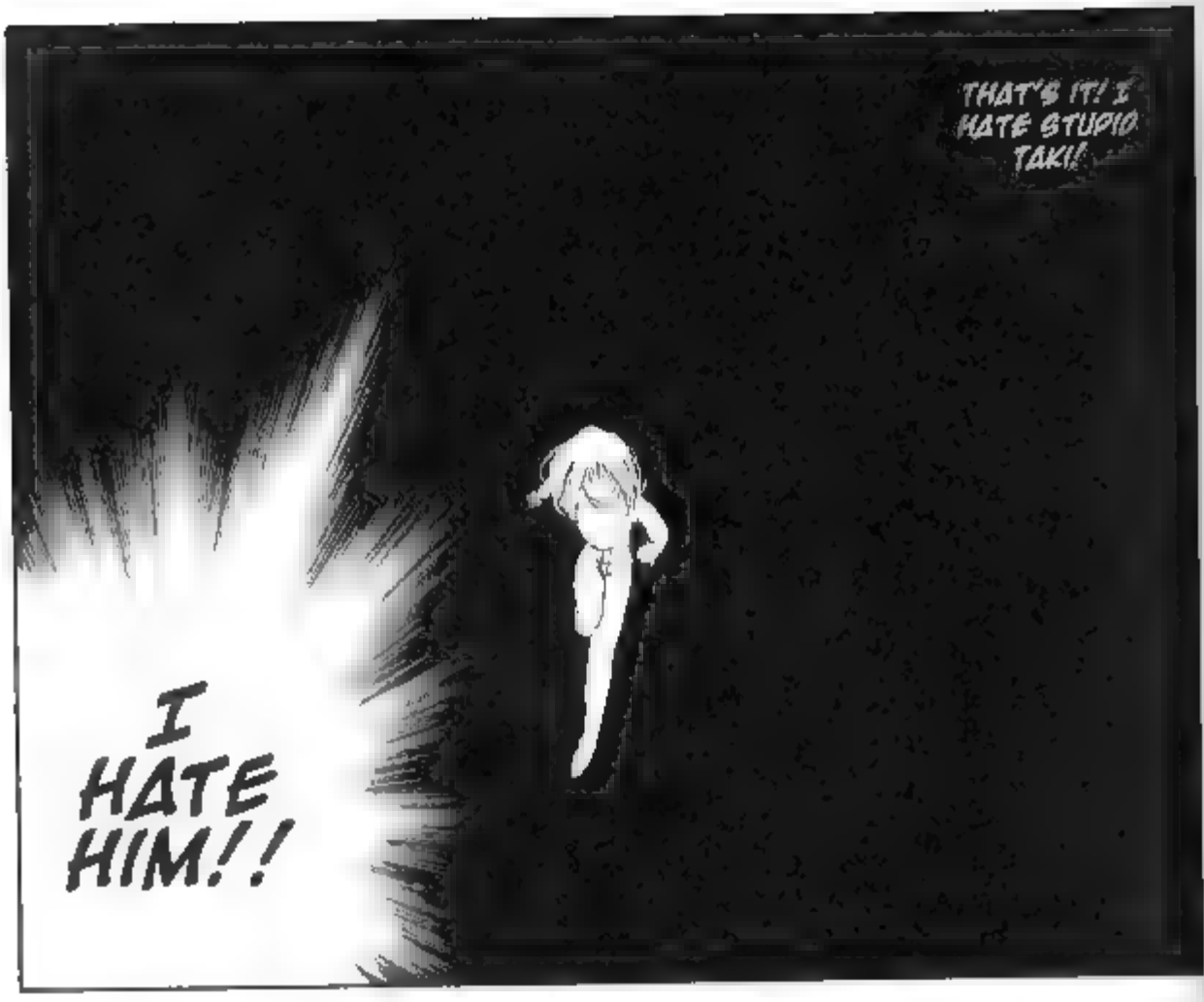
YOU SURE LIE A LOT, THEN EVEN FOR A GJY
QUIT TELLING HER HOW YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BY HER SIDE SHE BELIEVES IN YOU
TAKI-KUN! THE CJRRY'S WAITING!
Oh
OKAY! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!
CHIAKI'S A NICE ENOUGH WOMAN, ISN'T SHE?
BUT, DOC
YOU'RE ALSO PRETTY EFFEMI-NATE FOR A GJY
NOW GET OUTTA HERE
BUT CHIHAYA'S STILL AT THE AGE WHERE SHE NEEDS HER REAL PARENTS!
YEAH, YEAH I GOT IT

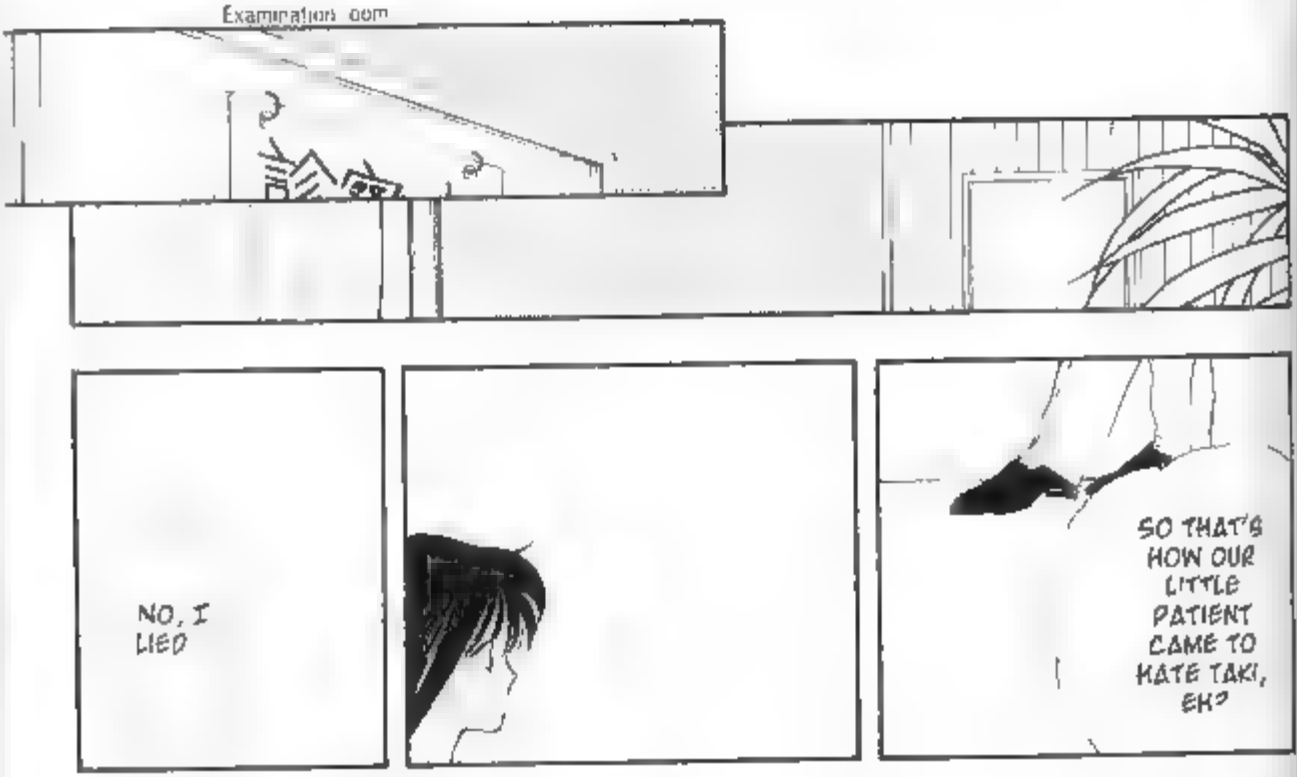
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TARI? EVERY-THING OKAY?
I'M FINE! JUST GOING TO HAVE SOME OF CHI'AKI-SAN'S CURRY!
URGH·
DAM-MIT
IT'S BACK AGAIN
THIS IS
IT'S HAPPEN-ING MORE OFTEN!
SOMEDAY I MAY BURN OUT
IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE PAVLOV PROGRAMMING I HAVE TO HOLD BACK MY EMOTIONS, SO MY NERVOUS SYSTEM IS UNDER A LOT OF STRESS

HELP ME, OOC!
THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO CHIHAYA?
AM I GOING TO CONTINUE TO BREAK DOWN LIKE THIS?
SIGH
OW
WHAT DO I DO ?
TAKA-KO
CHI-HAYA


SEVEN STAR BRAND CIGARETTES, PLEASE!
I WANT TO EXCHANGE ALL OF THESE FOR
CHIAKI-SAN'S THE DOCTOR'S GIRLFRIEND
WHY?
FINE, I'LL GET THEM
NO!
NO, IT'S OKAY! SEVEN STARS, PLEASE!
PACHINKO? COULD YOU GRAB ME A PACK OF SALEM LITES? ♡
BUT CHIAKI-SAN ASKED US FOR SALEM LITES, REMEMBER?

ERGH!
STUPID TAKI!
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A PLAY-BOY!
YOU'RE NOT BEING VERY NICE
CHIHAYA, THAT'S GOTTA BE THE HUNDREDTH TIME YOU'VE SAID THAT!
WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?
TAKI, YOU STUPID-HEAD!
HEY, WAIT!
CHI-HAYA!
Maybe we kissed too soon
GOOONG
SO THAT'S WHAT SHE THINKS OF ME
NOW I'M A PLAY-BOY?
I DON'T CARE IF EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD SAID I WAS COLD TAKI'S THE ONLY ONE I DIDN'T WANT TO THINK THAT
STUPID, STUPID TAKI! HOW COULD HE SAY THAT STUFF TO ME?!


THAT'S IT! I HATE STUPID TAKI!
I HATE HIM!!


Examination room
NO, I LIED
SO THAT'S HOW OUR LITTLE PATIENT CAME TO HATE TAKI, EH?

BUT LATELY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING.
I REALLY DO LIKE HIM
I. I'M NOT GOING ANY-WHERE!
WHAT WILL YOUR MOTHER THINK OF YOU WHEN YOU GO BACK HOME?
I'LL ADMIT YOU'RE A WHIZ AT PACHINKO, BUT IT'S NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF
AND WE HARDLY EAT TOGETHER ANYMORE
HE KEEPS SAYING I'M GOING BACK HOME SOON
SORRY, I ALREADY ATE
COME ON, TAKI! LET'S HAVE LUNCH NOW!
DO YOU THINK I'M JUST A BOTHER TO HIM?
I REALLY DO LOVE HIM, BUT
HMM, I SEE

SIGH
THAT IS HAPPI-NESS
UMM, IS IT LOVE?
NOOE
HOW ABOUT TIME?
NOOE
UH LIFE!
NOOE
WHAT IS IT?
GUESS
WHAT'S HAPPI-NESS?
IT'S SOME-THING THAT YOU CAN'T GET THROJGH MONEY

IT'S PASSION
ALL RIGHT
I'M WRONG? OKAY OKAY, I GIVE UP ALREADY!
TELL ME!
IT MIGHT ALSO BE TIME, OR LOVE, OR LIFE, BUT
PASSION?
THAT IS
WHAT MAKES THE HUMAN HEART DECIDE.
.. WHAT SHAKES THE HUMAN HEART

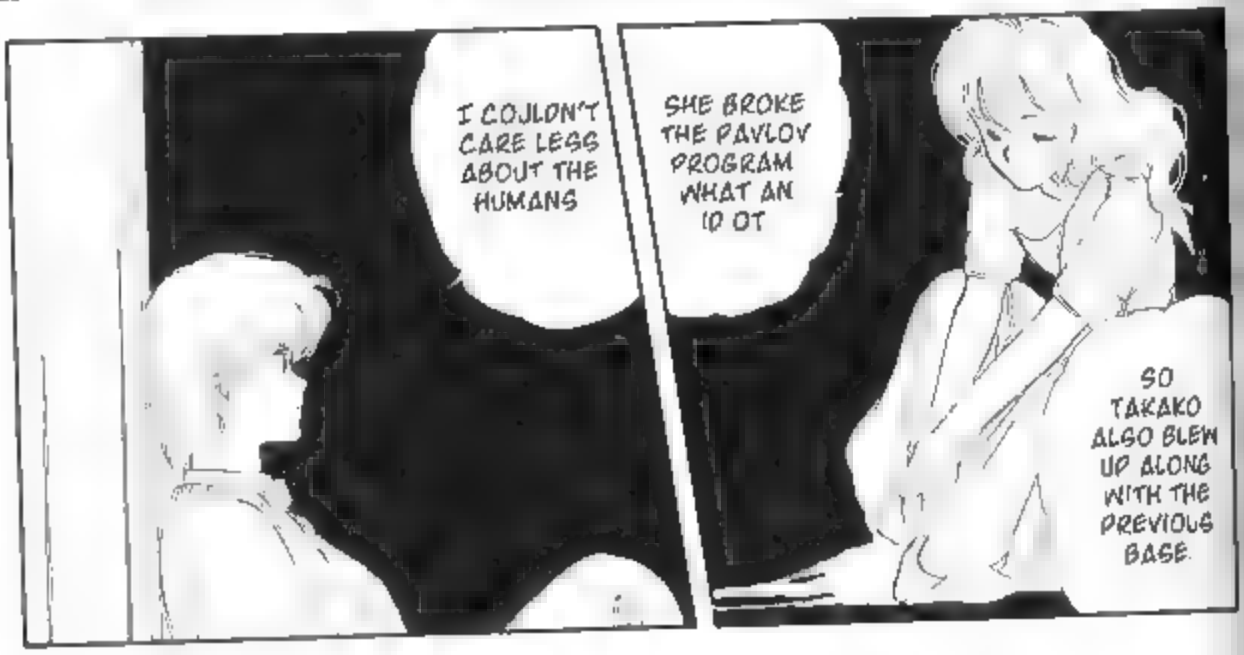
ゴオーゴオー
DOCTOR
SO THEN TAKI IS MY PASSION.

ニオ!
ニオ!!
ニオ!!
YOU'LL REALLY RETURN MY DAUGHTER MIYUKI?

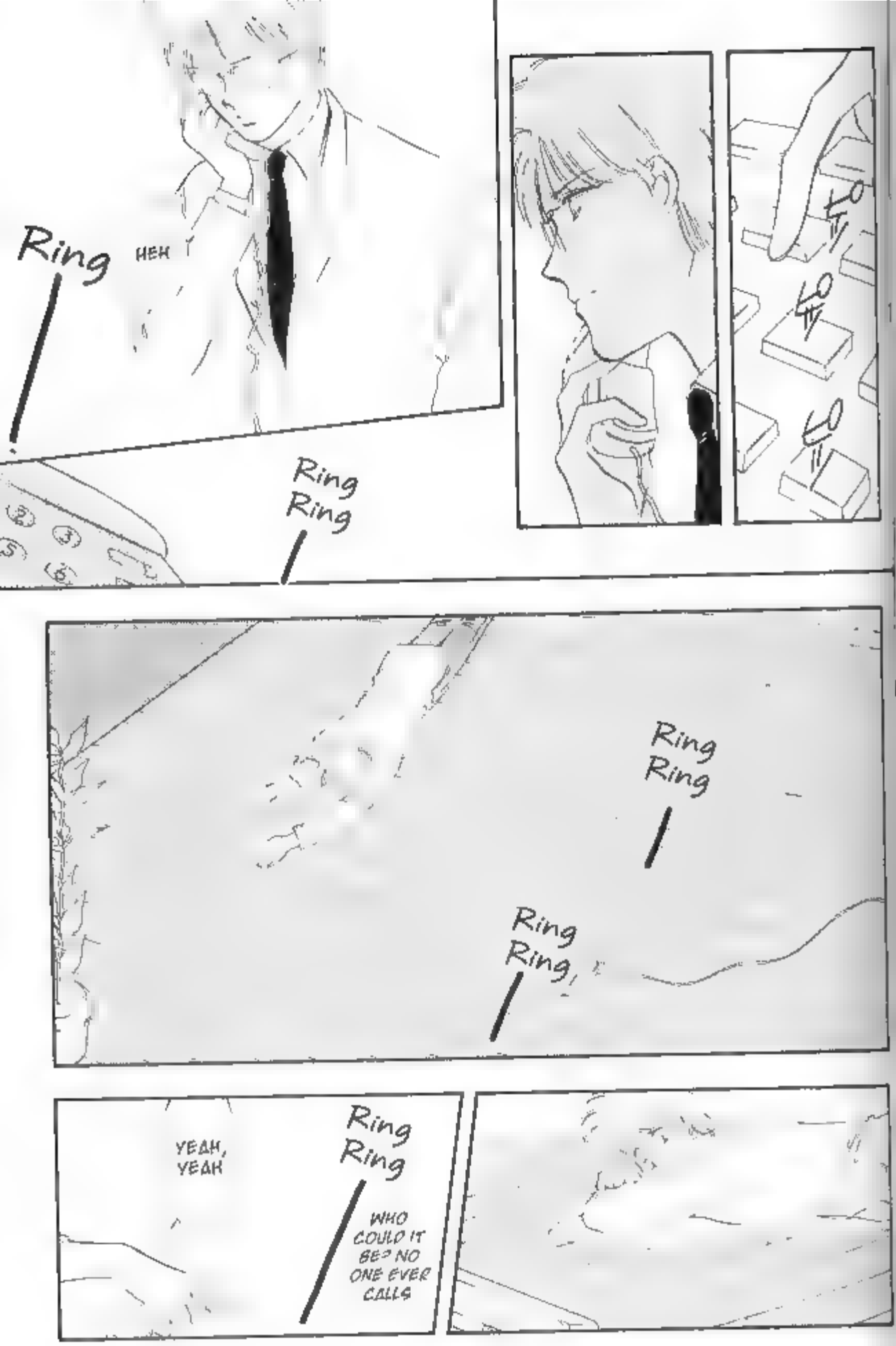
MAYBE YOU CAN GET HER BACK, IF YOU CAN CONVINCE THE PROFESSOR
THAT MAN'S GONE MAD
HANDING MIYUKI TO THIS ORGANIZATION
YOUR HUSBAND GAVE HER TO THE PROFESSOR FAIR AND SQUARE, REMEMBER?
KEI!
SURE THING
THE PROFESSOR'S CALLING FOR YOU!
COME WITH ME!
YOU TWO LOOK EXACTLY THE SAME! HOW CAN IT BE?!
Ton
...

YOU'RE BIO-HUMANOIDS!
PROFESSOR! WHY DO NANA AND I HAVE THE SAME FACES AS THEY DO?
JUST YOU WATCH THINGS WILL GET INTER-ESTING
YOU'RE WONDER-ING WHY I DIDN'T DESTROY TAK ?
HE'S FAR TOO ENTER-TAINING A TOY FOR ME

BECAUSE I ESPECIALLY LIKED TAKI AND TAKAKO
I BET TAKI WILL BE SURPRISED TO SEE ME AGAIN.
I WAS SUPPOSED TO PERISH ALONG WITH HOUSE IN THE EXPLOSION.


I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE HUMANS
SHE BROKE THE PAVLOV PROGRAM WHAT AN IDIOT
SO TAKAKO ALSO BLEW UP ALONG WITH THE PREVIOUS BASE.

SAYS HE WANTS THEM DEAD, THAT HE WANTS ME TO GET RID OF THEM.
NAH THE PROFESSOR SAID IT WAS JUST A TRAP
ARE WE REALLY GOING TO GIVE NUMBER 71 BACK TO HER MOTHER?
BUT I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO LAY A HAND ON TAK!
HMM


Ring
HEH
Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring
Ring,
YEAH,
YEAH
Ring
Ring
WHO COULD IT BE? NO ONE EVER CALLS

THAT VOICE!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, TAKI
HE'S SAFE!
I SEE YOU'VE BEEN TAKING GOOD CARE OF MY LITTLE NUMBER 71.
PRO-FESSOR!!
IT'S PROFESSOR ASHIYA!
BUT OF COURSE BRING HER TO IZU IMMEDI-ATELY
AN ANTI-DOTE?!
DO YOU HAVE ONE?
KNOWING YOU, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AN ANTIDOTE FOR HER
THANK GOODNESS HE'S ALIVE!
COME ALONE. TELL NO ONE ABOUT THIS.
AH, YES. HER MOTHER WILL ALSO BE THERE, WAITING FOR HER
THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRO-FESSOR!

I'LL KILL THE PROFESSOR! I SWEAR!
PRO-FESSOR!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, TAKI
YOU HAVEN'T DESTROYED THE PAVLOV PROGRAM. YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND
I DON'T CARE! I CAN'T FORGIVE HIM, HE KILLED HOSHINO-SAN!
TAKAKO! BUT HE'S LIKE OUR FATHER!
TAKAKO
I WON'T LET THE PROFESSOR DIE ALONE .
I
TRUST YOU
PRO-FESSOR?
YES?

THERE'S REALLY NO ESCAPING HIM
HE KNEW MY PHONE NUMBER!
I KNOW
I HEARD YOU HAVEN'T BEEN EATING PROPERLY LATELY
OH, DOC! HAVE YOU SEEN CHIKAYA?
TAK!!
HEY, TAK!!
CAN I REALLY PROTECT THE ONE I LOVE?
NOTHIN'! I'M JUST ON A DIET!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

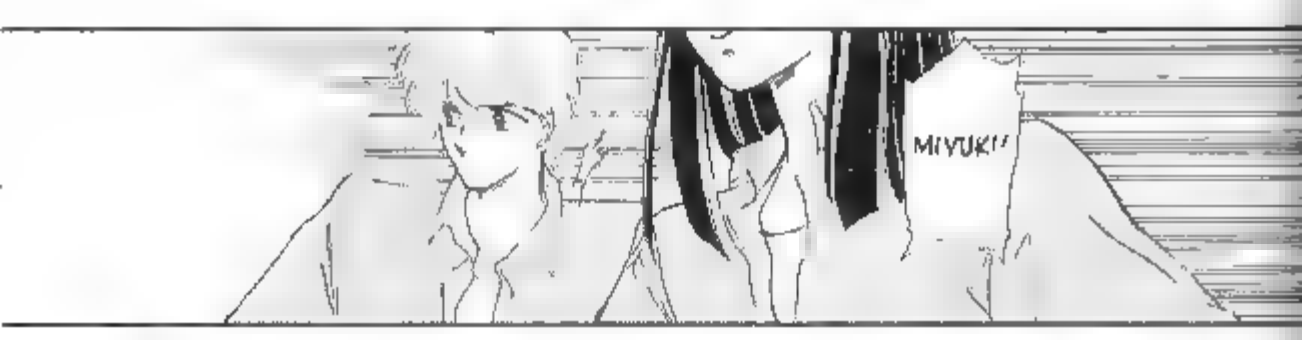
I JUST WAS EATING TOO MUCH BEFORE
I CAN FUNCTION WELL WITH LITTLE INTAKE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
COME ON, OOC NO REASON TO GET SO UPSET
IDIOT!
LISTEN TO ME--!
DOCTOR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
STOP IT! STOP BULLYING TAKI!
ER IT'S NOT WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE--
WE LIKE EACH OTHER, RIGHT? LET'S GO ON A DATE!
OKAY

DO YOU LOVE ME?
YES.
I LOVE YOU!
ME TOO
HE'S BACK TO HIS OLD SELF AGAIN.
THANK GOODNESS.
Hark

WOW! IT'S ALREADY SPRING!
I LIKE THE YELLOW-COLORED ONES!
IT'S SO PRETTY!
RAPE-SEED FLOWERS?
MMM-HMM I LIKE THEM, TOO
HOW ABOUT YOU, TAKI?
HEE HEE!
HEY, DON'T PICK THE FLOWERS WITHOUT ASKING
HERE!

I JUST LOVE SPRING!
I LOVE IT TOO
AND I LOVE THE SEA!
ME TOO
OH! AND I LOVE FLOWERS, TOO!
I LOVE THEM TOO
TAKI! YOU'RE SO SILLY!
IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY?
I LOVE YOU. MOST OF ALL.
. . .
HE IS.

.MY
PASSION.


MIYUK!!

MIYUK!! WHAT'S WRONG?

UH, LADY, WHO ARE YOU?
HUH?

OH, MIYUK! I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR SO LONG!

MIYUKI
WHAT?! NO!
MIYUKI-CHAN. THAT'S YOUR MOTHER
NO! DON'T! STOP IT!
I DON'T KNOW YOU!
I'M CHIHAYA!
COME ON, MIYUKI! THAT'S NOT A VERY NICE THING TO SAY TO YOUR MOTHER. JUST TRY TALKING WITH HER.
MI-YUKI
!

WHY
DO YOU HAVE THE SAME FACE?
THE PROFESSOR SAID HE'D BE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE GREEN HOUSE

LONG TIME NO SEE, TAKI
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE, PROFESSOR ASHIYA
IT WAS FUTILE FOR TAKAKO TO SELF-DESTRUCT THINKING SHE COULD CAUSE THE BASE TO EXPLODE AS WELL.
JUST LOOK AT ME I'M STILL IN ONE PIECE
I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT
SAME AS ALWAYS, I SEE
NO MATTER, THOUGH I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU

...
TAKAKO!
WELL? THE SPITTING IMAGE OF THE ORIGINAL, DON'T YOU THINK?

I AM NANA
EXACTLY THE SAME
SAME BODY SAME VOICE
SHE'S MADE FROM THE EXACT SAME RECIPE TAKAKO NUMBER TWO
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU COULD ALMOST SAY SHE'S THE REAL TAKAKO
BUT HER PERSONALITY IS A COMPLETE 180 FROM THE ORIGINAL
WELL, TAKI? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? THIS TAKAKO IS YOUR ENEMY!
SUFFER!

YOUR SUFFERING IS MY WISH MY HAPPINESS.
COME ONE STEP CLOSER TO BEING HUMAN.
IT'S SOOO MUCH BETTER BEING LIKE THIS, RATHER THAN A HUMAN.
YOU WERE FOOLS TO TRY AND DISOBEY THE PROFESSOR
THAT WAY YOU WILL.
WHEN YOU RISE ABOVE MERE HUMANS.
NANA.
AND BEFORE LONG.
NOW, DON'T WASTE OUR TIME COME BACK TO THE LAB
THE MORE PAIN YOU FEEL THE FURTHER YOU ADVANCE
WHAT ARE YOU--
I WILL BECOME A GOD!!

YOU IDIOT!
I'M NOT TAKAKO!
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
I KNOW THAT
BUT SOMEDAY YOU'LL UNDERSTAND HOW TAKAKO FELT
PLEASE! NO WAY I'M GETTING MYSELF TERMINATED!

NO, YOU'RE WRONG!
SHE WASN'T "TERMI-NATED" SHE DIED!
NO!
TAKAKO DIED!
ARE YOU STUPID?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID! TERMI-NATED!
TAKI, YOU'RE NOT HUMAN YET
TAKI, IF ONLY I WERE A HUMAN GIRL, HOW GREAT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN.
I MAY HAVE EVEN BEEN ABLE TO BECOME HOSHINO-SAN'S BRIDE

MY IDOL
MY PARTNER, FRIEND, MOTHER
TAKAKO.
I'M JUST KIDDING MYSELF!
TEE HEE! BUT WHAT AM I THINKING! BECOMING HIS BRIDE JUST BECAUSE I WAS HUMAN--
BUT NOW YOU'RE GONE FOREVER
MY
I LOVE HIM SO MUCH
BUT I REALLY DO LOVE HIM

IF ONLY I COULD BECOME HUMAN!
AS LONG AS THE PAVLOV PROGRAM IS FUNCTIONING, YOU WILL NEVER BECOME A HUMAN
YOU CAN'T BREAK THE PAVLOV PROGRAM BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OF BEING TERMINATED
IF I WERE HUMAN--

THE ONLY WAY YOJ CAN GET CLOSER TO BECOMING HUMAN IS BY BEING TERMI-NATED
AND OF ALL MY CREATIONS, TAKAKO WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ACCOM-PLISHED THAT
I DON'T WANT TO BE A HJMAN! I'M HAPPY JUST THE WAY I AM!
ONLY A HUMAN CAN KILL ANOTHER HUMAN
IF YOU WANT TO BE-COME HUMAN, THEN BEAT THE PAVLOV PROGRAM! KILL A HUMAN!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MY MASTERPIECE, AREN'T YOU? IF YOU WANT TO BE HUMAN, THEN KILL A HUMAN!
TAKI!
YOU CAN BECOME HUMAN THIS TIME!

YOU HATE ME, DON'T YOU? THEN GO AHEAD AND KILL ME
OH NO ..
ONCE I'M DEAD, THEN THE CURSE WILL BE OVER
I'M NOT HUMAN.
I MUST . SUPPRESS MY EMOTIONS, OR MY HEART WILL--
I'M A FAKE! A DOLL! I. .! I'M--!

I LOVE YOU, TAKI MY PRECIOUS EARTHIAN MY FIRST.
YOU'RE AN EARTHIAN, TAKI

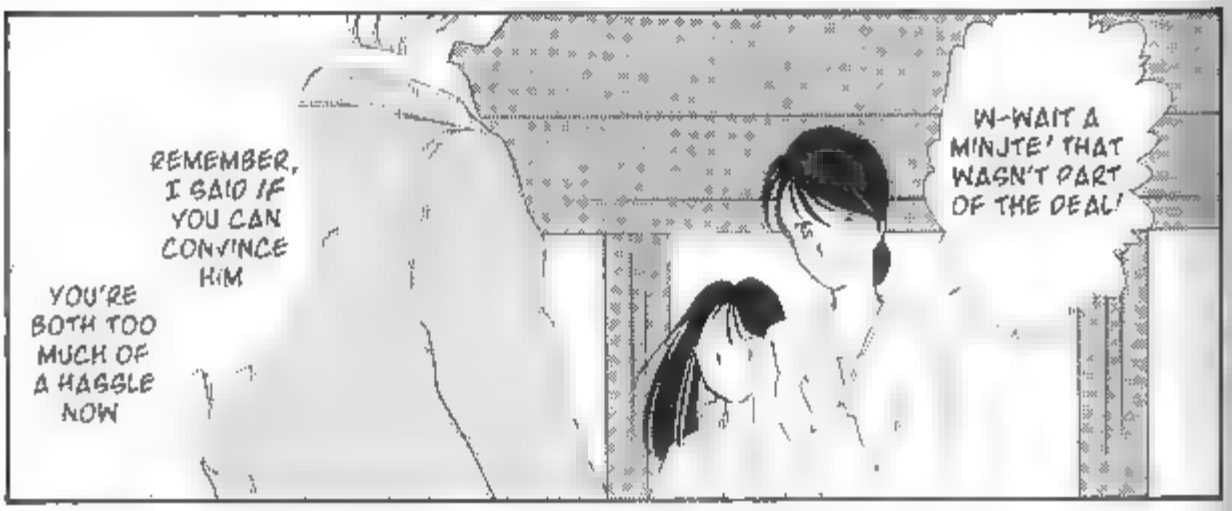
I WANTED TO LOVE SOMEONE
AND I WANTED TO BE LOVED AS THAT PERSON'S ONE AND ONLY
PRO-FESSOR.
I.
WANTED TO BE HUMAN

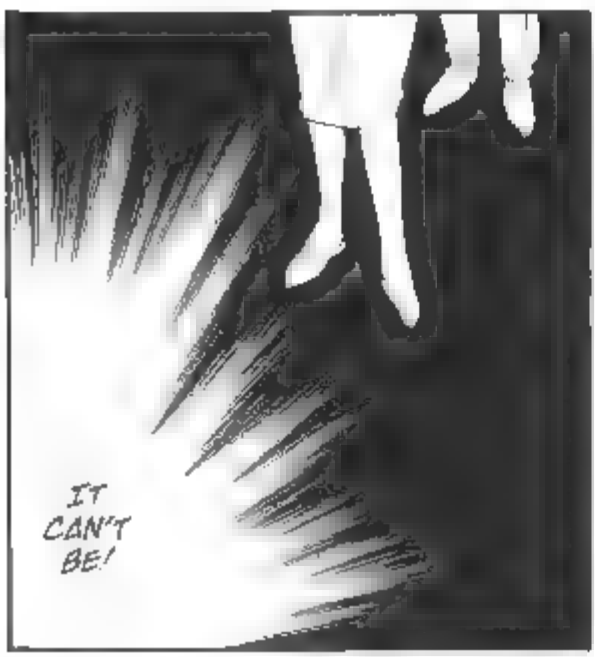
NOW IF YOU WOULD GIVE ME THE ANTI-DOTE
I AM HUMAN
AND I'M PROUD TO THINK THAT
THANK YOU FOR GIVING BIRTH TO ME
THERE'S NO SUCH THING!
PROFESSOR!
THE DRUG PRESCRIBED FOR NUMBER 71 ONLY STRENGTHENS HER POTENTIAL CAPACITIES THERE IS NO ANTIDOTE

WHY CAN'T I?
MIYUKI-CHAN, LISTEN
WHY CAN'T I GO SEE TAKI ANYMORE?
AND WHAT ABOUT DOCTOR MUSHANO-KOUJI? IS HE BAD TOO?

YOU CAN'T ANY-MORE!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO DO WITH THEM!
NO!
TAKI IS--
NO!
NOW THAT WE'RE FINALLY REUNITED
LET'S GO HOME, SHALL WE?
I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE TAKI
MI-YUKI-
BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
PLEASE, MIYUKI, DON'T SAY THAT
THAT'S ENOUGH, NUMBER 7! JEEZ, YOU'RE A BRAT

I THINK I'LL JUST KILL YOU


W-WAIT A MINJTE! THAT WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL!
REMEMBER, I SAID IF YOU CAN CONVINCE HIM
YOU'RE BOTH TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE NOW


IT CAN'T BE!

WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
THIS CAN'T BE REAL

THIS GUN ONLY HAS THREE BULLETS IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOJ MIGHT SJRVIVE

HEY, IT'S NOT MY FAULT
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SOLD OFF YOUR OWN DAUGHTER

LADY, THIS IS GETTING DANGER-OUS
I'M SCARED
WHAT ? IS THAT TRUE?

YOUR HUSBAND'S IN CHARGE OF ONE OF THE LABS NOW, GOOD FOR HIM, EH?
THERE'S ONLY THREE BULLETS, YOU MIGHT BE OKAY
DON'T YOU MOVE

BUT, IF SHE GETS HIT
BANG

HE'S NOT HUMAN HE REALLY MEANS IT

NO! YOU'RE LYING
IT'S A LIE!

...SHE'LL DIE.
BANG
BANG
EEEEK!

OOPS. LOOKS LIKE I STILL HAVE SOME BULLETS LEFT, AFTER ALL
NO!
STOP IT!
NO! NO!
IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
BANG
BANG
BANG
STOP IT!!

MOMMY! MOMMY!
MOM-MY!!
"I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE!"
MY MOM'S GOING TO DIE!
YOU IDIOT, SHE'S ALREADY DEAD
"MIYUKI."
TAKI, HELP ME!
I HATE YOU! I HOPE YOU GO TO HELL!

I'LL KILL HIM!
I'LL KILL YOU.
I CAN DO IT
I HAVE THE POWER

NO, CHIHAYA! DON'T KILL HIM!
TAKI!
I CALLED FOR YOU!
TAKI, YOU LIAR!

GET LOST!
WHY CAN'T I KILL HIM?
I HATE HIM!
TAK!
PLEASE DON'T THROW ME AWAY AGAIN!
DON'T LEAVE ME!
WHAT ARE THOSE TEARS FOR?
WHAT ARE THOSE CRIES OF LAMENTATION?
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I TRY, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO
I COULDN'T KILL THE PROFESSOR!

SHIT JP!
WHAT IS THAT SCREAM FOR?
DON'T LEAVE ME, TAK!!
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あ
あ
EVEN SO, WE CAN FIGHT!
JUST DON'T GO ANYWHERE, AND STAY WITH ME!
LET'S BE TOGETHER FOREVER!
I'M SORRY
MI-YUK!
I'M SORRY
I JUST HOPE

THAT YOU CAN LIVE

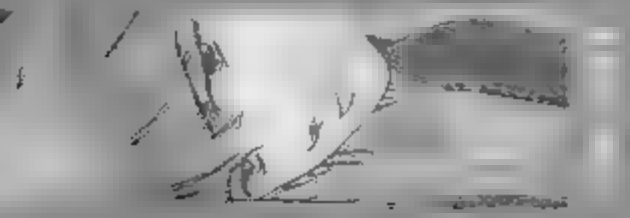
AND HAPPILY

BEAUTIFULLY

LIKE A FLOWER PETAL

THE SPELL THAT PROTECTS YOU

...IS THE WORDS OF MY PASSION.



ESCAPE

I'D LIKE TO REQUEST
.. TO TAKE A VACATION.
WHERE DO YOU PLAN ON GOING?
OH, I HAVEN'T...
...QUITE DECIDED YET.
YOU ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING FURTHER ORDERS, ARE YOU NOT?
YES, BUT.
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN'T GO?

Wh what do you think that means?

I really like drawing everything in sharp blacks and whites. I suppose it's just like how I enjoy either really hot or really cold baths. (Recently I got to relax in a wonderful natural hot spring.) I don't really like the type of people who are all hesitant and fidgety, so I'm surprised I have been able to draw Chihaya for so long! In my other works (like Genji) most of the main characters were the type who would act before thinking. But in Earthian, the characters always do a lot of thinking and react more slowly. For instance, if I'm wondering, "What would Chihaya say in a conversation?" He'd probably listen closely and think about what the other person is saying and then think up different types of answers, and then respond. That's why I go a little crazy whenever I think about how Chihaya thinks. I'm pretty slow.

I've been wondering if we'll meet any E.T.s in this century. Of course, I, Yun Kouga, also believe in UFOs and ESP. (Oops, maybe I shouldn't put these side by side.) After all, Chihaya and Kagetsuya are E.T.s, too!

VERY WELL THEN.
PREPARE THE PROPER FORMS.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
A WELL-PHRASED QUEST-ION.
PERHAPS HE DOESN'T LIKE IT HERE ON VALHALLA?
WHAT ON EARTH COULD HE BE THINK-ING?

THAT'S A MUCH MORE DEPRESSING IMAGE.
REALLY?
IN ANY CASE
I FIRMLY BELIEVE
PER-HAPS
..HE WAS FEELING LIKE THIS.
YOU DON'T SUPPOSE
NO, HE WOULDN'T, WOULD HE
..THAT CHIHAYA NEEDS TO TOUGHEN UP

IT'S TIME TO HEAD OUT SOON
DO YOU HAVE ALL YOUR THINGS READY?
YUP! NO PROB-LEM!
DO YOU HAVE ANY-THING TO DO ON ISANA?
HUH? UH, NO NOT REALLY

FROM VALHALLA. ALL THE WAY TO EARTH?
TELEPORT THROUGH THE STRATO-SPHERE?
THAT'S CRAZY!
UH...
GOOD THEN LET'S GO IN A SINGLE BREATH.
HUH?
OH
I SEE
W-WAIT!
NEVER MIND, THEN.
WE'LL HAVE TO DO A STOPOVER IN ISANA

THEN THAT MEANS CHIHAYA WAS ABLE TO DO A DIRECT!
YEAH
PRETTY MUCH
YOU'VE ALWAYS DONE A DIRECT TRIP TO EARTH?
NO, FORGET IT
DON'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.
NO! I'LL DO IT!
LET'S GO NON-STOP TO EARTH.
Very difficult
ELVIRA'S SUPPOSEDLY A VERY DIFFICULT GIRL
IF YOU'RE OBSTINATE ABOUT EVERY SMALL THING, YOU'LL HINDER THE MISSION.
BUT,
.....
I'm tired of drawing them all in white.

AYA HEARD THAT YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CHIHAYA WAS CANCELLED
SO, KAGETSUYA, IS IT TRUE?
OH, KAGETSUYA! AYA'S FOUND YOU!
whee!
HEARD YOU WERE HEADED FOR EARTH
HEY, KAGETSUYA
SOMEHOW, AYA DOESN'T LIKE THAT
HUH? BUT AYA, I THOUGHT YOU HATED CHIHAYA
HOW ABOUT YOU?
YEAH
STILL WAITING FOR ANOTHER MISSION

HAVE YOU TALKED WITH CHIHAYA?
NO..
HUMPH
NO! AYA JUST WANTED TO BE PAIRED WITH KAGE-TSUYA!
CHIHAYA WAS MUCH BETTER THAN SAYAKA.
WHY IS THAT?
HMM . DUNNO.
HE JUST WAS!
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THEN.
SOMETHING ABOUT THAT JUST FEELS WRONG.
NOT THAT AYA'S SIDING WITH CHIHAYA, BUT .

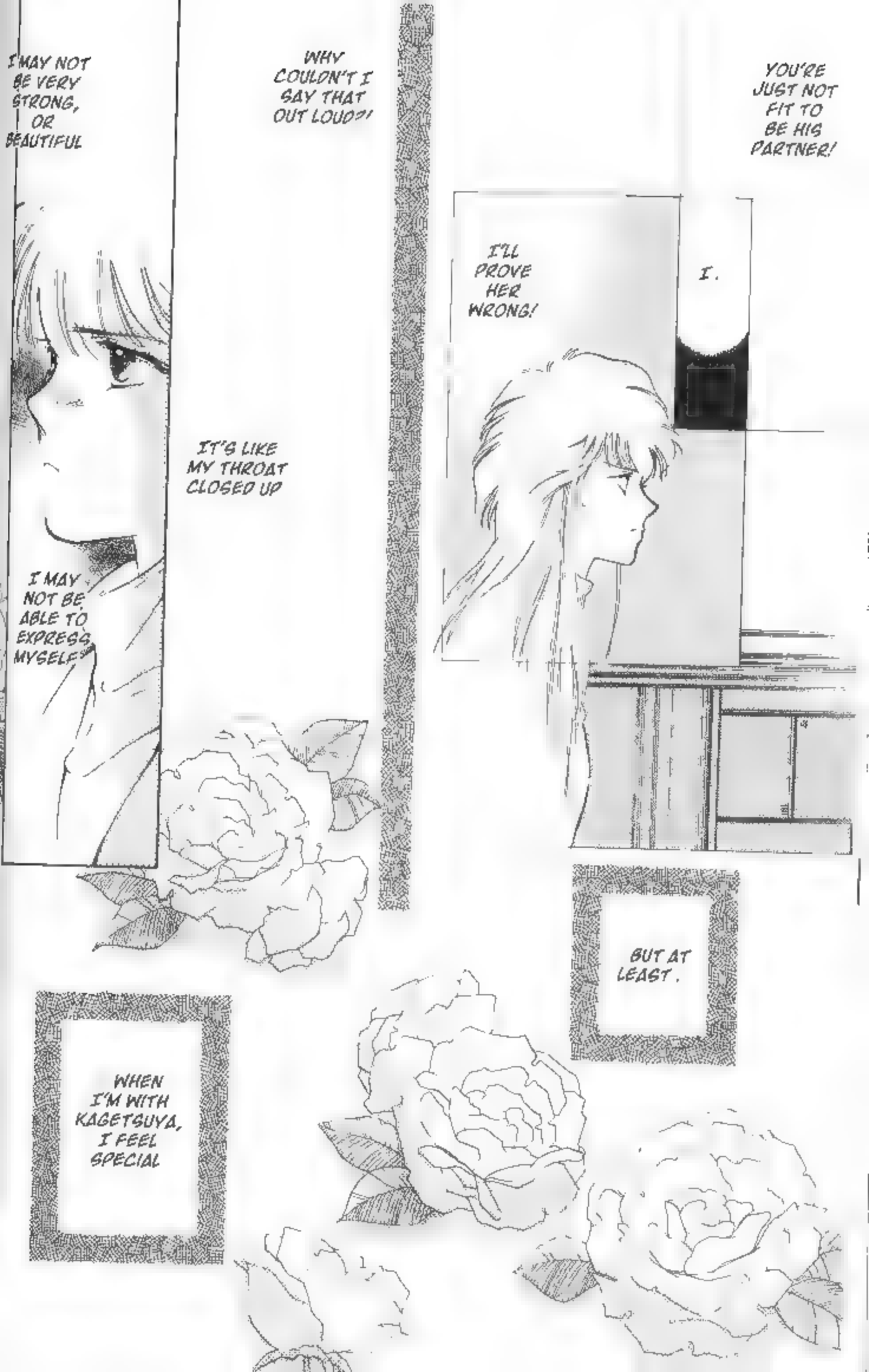
AND JUST WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
SAYA-KA!
NOW WAIT JUST A MIN-UTE--!
NO MAN CAN WIN AGAINST AYA.
BESIDES, YOUR GRADES SUCKED COMPARED TO CHI-HAYA'S!
COME ON, MIYAGI AYA'S NOT LIKING THIS ATMOS-PHERE
ARE YOU SAYING I'M NOT A GOOD ENOUGH PARTNER FOR KAGE-TSUYA?
HUMPH
EK-ACTLY
I'm the one who should be HUMPHING around here.

BUT!
I CAN'T JUST SIT BACK AND SAY NOTHING WHEN SHE'S RAGGING ON ME LIKE THAT!
I DON'T LIKE HER.
HE'S SO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM CHIHAYA
.THAT IT REMINDS ME OF CHIHAYA.

NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN MY VACATION..
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I REALLY WANT TO SEE TAKI AGAIN
OOF THERE WE GO.
MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO...JAPAN
HUH?

CHI-
HAYA?
GOING
SOME-
WHERE?
OH
JUST
TAKING
A LITTLE
VACA-
TION
TO
JAPAN
OH WE'RE
HEADED
TO EJROPE
NOW TAKE
CARE OF
YOURSELF
EEE?!

HE DOESN'T HIDE HIS FEELINGS
Hey- what's with that face?
W well ...
LET'S GO.
HE SEEMS LIKE A DIFFERENT PERSON FROM BEFORE
WH-WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH TO BE KAGETSUYA'S PARTNER!
I WON'T LOSE TO HIM!


I MAY NOT BE VERY STRONG, OR BEAUTIFUL
WHY COULDN'T I SAY THAT OUT LOUD?!
YOU'RE JUST NOT FIT TO BE HIS PARTNER!
I'LL PROVE HER WRONG!
I.
IT'S LIKE MY THROAT CLOSED UP
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXPRESS MYSELF
BUT AT LEAST.
WHEN I'M WITH KAGETSUYA, I FEEL SPECIAL

SORRY I WAS BORN THIS WAY
LOOK WHO'S TALKING?— IF YOU'RE AN ADULT
YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD
THEN WHY DON'T YOU START THINKING ABOUT THE CHILDREN?
IRRITATED
PLEASE DON'T GET UPSET.
YOU'RE POUTING
I DON'T THINK ABOUT ANYONE
EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON, OF COURSE.

NO.
I ASSUME THE ONE PERSON YOU DO THINK ABOUT IS YOUR WIFE, GABRIEL
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT ME?
BUT YOU'RE MY SECRE-TARY
THEN . WHO IS IT?
HEH
YOU ALREADY KNOW
SO WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO SAY IT SO BADLY?

TO YOU, AND TO EVERYONE
IT'S ALL RIGHT IT'LL STAY A SECRET
RAPH-AEL!
I...!
I FEEL TOO UNCOMFORT-ABLE TO WORK RIGHT NOW
NOW THEN, LET'S GET STARTED ON THAT MOUNTAIN OF DOCUMENTS
YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU'RE CRYING.

DO YOU THINK
I COULD BE-COME A HUMAN?
YOU ARE AN EARTHIAN, TAKI

Musha
nokoji
Women's
Clinic
HMM
Apply the following formulas to the graph below. 10 points.
I JUST
CAN'T
GET
THIS
TAKI?
COULD
YOU HELP
ME WITH
THIS MATH
PROBL--

SORRY FOR BARGING IN I'VE BROUGHT SOME SWEETS!
Hope you like them!
OH! CHIAKI-SAN! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HERE!
THANKS!
HEY, TAKI? I CAN'T FIGURE OUT THIS PROBLEM.
I'LL HAVE THEM LATER!
HUH?
OH
SURE..
NOOOO WAY! MATH IS NOT MY THING!
HOW ABOUT YOU, CHIAKI-SAN?
I'M NOT SO GREAT AT GRAPHS

GIGGLE
LOOKS LIKE THE STORM'S FINALLY DIED DOWN
I'LL GO ASK THE DOC.
I DID PROMISE THAT I'D HELP YOU OUT.
YOU'RE SO DE-VOTED!
Whee!
ME.
WHAT STORM ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MM, THESE ARE DELICIOUS! ♡
IT'S FINE NOW, THOUGH.
WE'VE FINALLY CONFIRMED OUR LOVE
I DON'T HATE YOU OR ANYTHING, CHIAKI-SAN
OH, I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT BEFORE.
HUH?
Oh my!
JEAL-OUS?
BOO!
IT'S ALL TAKI'S FAULT ANY-WAY
HE'S TOO NICE TO ANY GIRL!

EVERY-
THING'S
FINE!
HEY,
MASA-
TAKA.
SO, TAKI
AND MIYUKI
ARE REALLY
GOING OUT?
HMM?
HMM
IT HURTS
HAVING
MIYUKI-
CHAN
GLARING
AT ME,
BUT ..
WHERE'D
THAT COME
FROM,
ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

HER NOT WORRYING ABOUT ME TAKING HER MAN IS SO MUCH LESS FUN
-KOK-
SHIN-JUKU IS CHANGED SO MUCH IN SO LITTLE TIME!

JUST AS BUSY A PLACE AS BEFORE!
TALK ABOUT HASTY IT'S STILL NOVEMBER AND THEY'VE ALREADY GOT CHRISTMAS DECOR-ATIONS.
OOH! LOOK HOW CUTE IT IS!
IS IT AN ANGEL?
THIS IS A CUTE ONE

EVEN THIS LITTLE BOY ANGEL HAS WHITE WINGS.
I'M IN PERFECTLY GOOD HEALTH.
THE RESULTS FROM THE EXAMINATION WERE GREAT.
BUT SOMETIMES I REALLY WONDER..

SIGH
I WONDER IF TAKI STILL HAS HIS OLD PHONE NUMBER
SO IRRITATING
EERGH! WHAT AM I GETTING ALL FREAKED OUT FOR?

HUH?
HE'S NOT?
THIS IS THE MUSHANO-KOUJI CLINIC, ISN'T IT?
HELLO?
UH
IS TAKI THERE?
ALL RIGHT! I'M GONNA CALL HIM!
SOME-THING SEEMS WEIRD
WH-WHAT WAS THAT?!
BEEE
BEEE
BEEE
WHOA!
IS HE HIDING?
HE'S NOT HERE! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!
HUH?
UH, BUT.
.NO! HE'S NOT HERE!
HELLO, MY NAME IS CHIHAYA. IS TAKI THERE?

I HUNG UP ON HIM!
WHO. WAS THAT JUST NOW?
IT WAS CHIHAYA!
CHIHAYA TRIED TO CALL TAKI!
BUT WHAT DO I DO...?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? DID YOU GET A PRANK PHONE CALL?
SNIFFLE
MI-YUKI?
WHAT DO I DO? I HUNG UP ON HIM!
I LIED TO HIM!

I WAS JUST SO SURPRISED!
I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WHEN THE REAL CHIHAYA FINALLY SHOWED UP.
MI-YUKI?
WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?
NO.
IT WASN'T THAT!
.WE COULD GET ALONG.
THIS IS THE MUSHANO-KOUJI CLINIC, ISN'T IT?
HE'S FINALLY COME!
THE REAL CHIHAYA!
TAKI'S
HIS VOICE WAS SO CALM AND PRETTY.
HELLO, MY NAME IS CHIHAYA.
IS TAKI THERE?
I'M SO SCARED!
.BELOVED
HE'S NOT HERE!
. PRECIOUS...

IT'S ALL TAKI'S FAULT BECAUSE HE MAKES FACES LIKE THAT
WHERE WAS HE CALLING FROM?
WHAT DID HE SAY?
I'M SORRY
I DON'T KNOW
CHI-HAYA?
WHY AM I SO ATTACHED?
MI-YUKI?
I'M SORRY
JUST NOW, IT WAS A CALL FROM CHIHAYA
BUT I WAS SCARED, I HUNG UP ON HIM!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? IF I REALLY LOVED TAKI, THEN I WOULD JUST WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY

WAIT! I'M COMING TOO!
BUT WHO KNOWS IF I'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN?
DO YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN FIND HIM BY RUNNING AROUND LIKE THIS?
NO

NOW WHAT? I STILL WANT TO FIND HIM.
OH IF I GET A MAP AND FIGURE OUT WHERE THE CLINIC IS
AH-HA! FOUND IT!
23rd Ward map

OOPH!
HUFF
IT'S SO STRANGE THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE
AND YET I CAN'T FIND ONE
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
BEEP!

I WANT HIM TO FIND HIM
IT'S OKAY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
Don t step on the grass!
I'M SORRY FOR HANGING UP ON HIM
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I DON'T
I'M SUCH A BAD GIRL..
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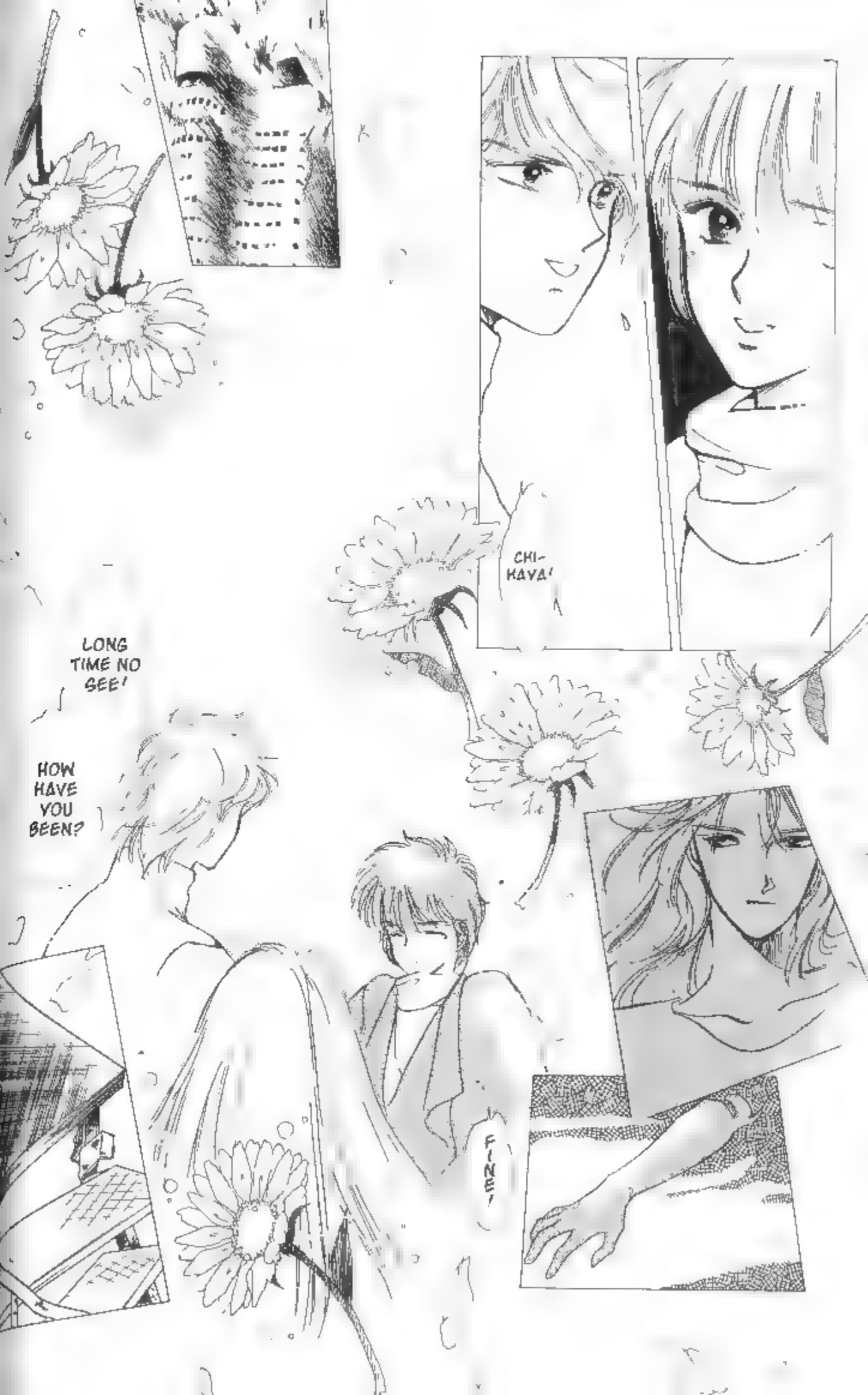
帰宅
WEL-
COME
HOME!
I'M GLAD
I FINALLY
FOUND YOU.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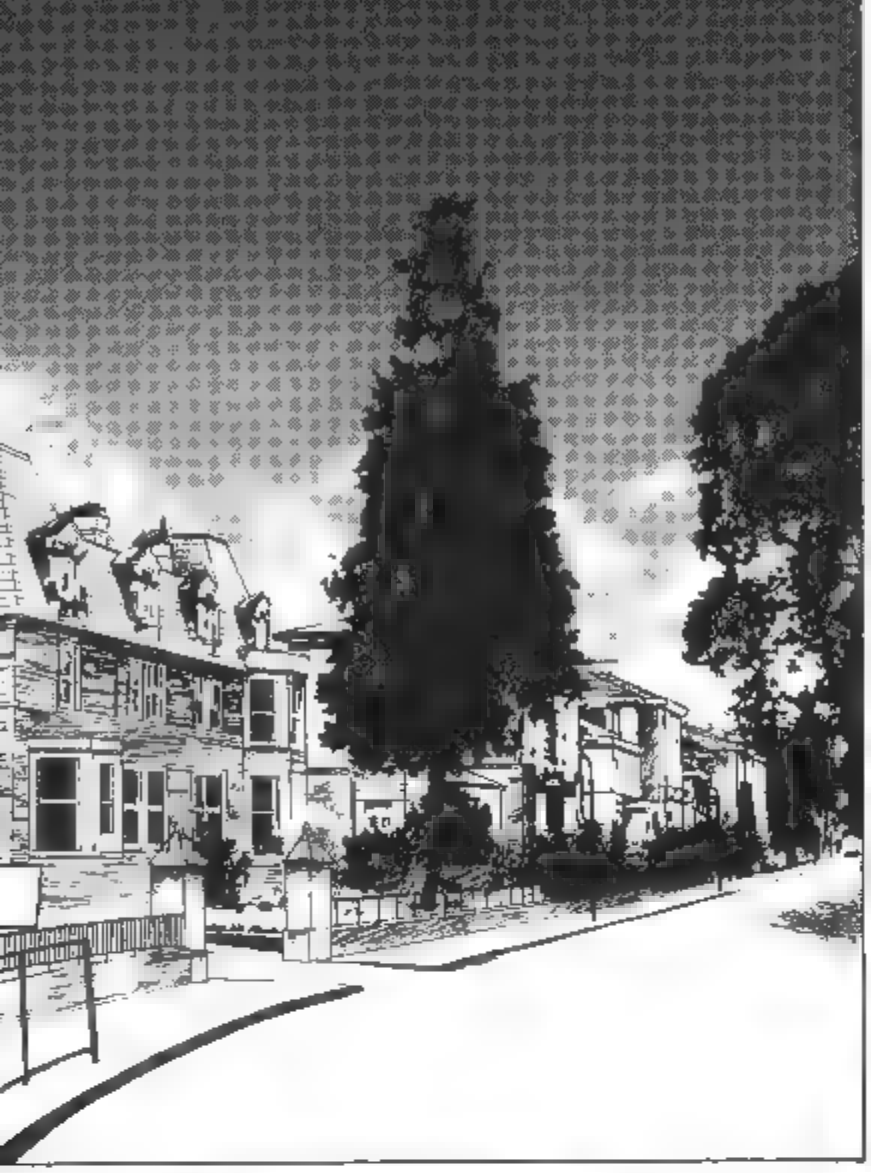
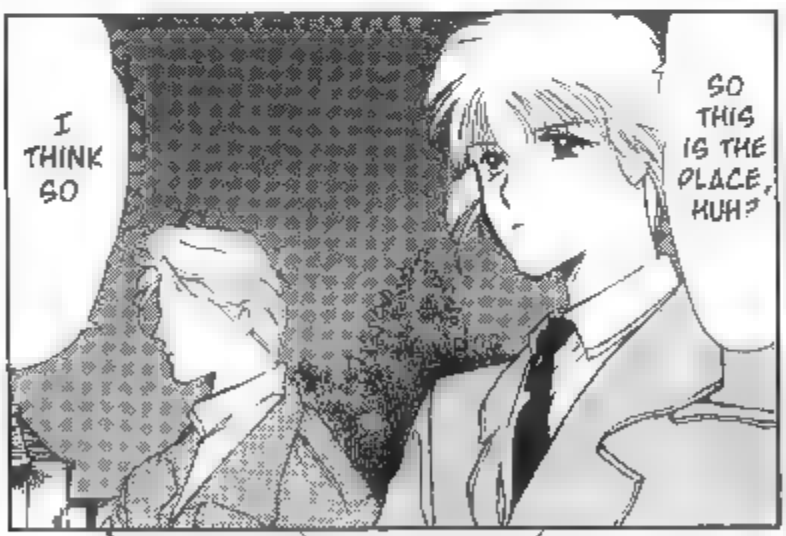
HAYA!
LONG
TIME NO
SEE!
HOW
HAVE
YOU
BEEN?
FINE!

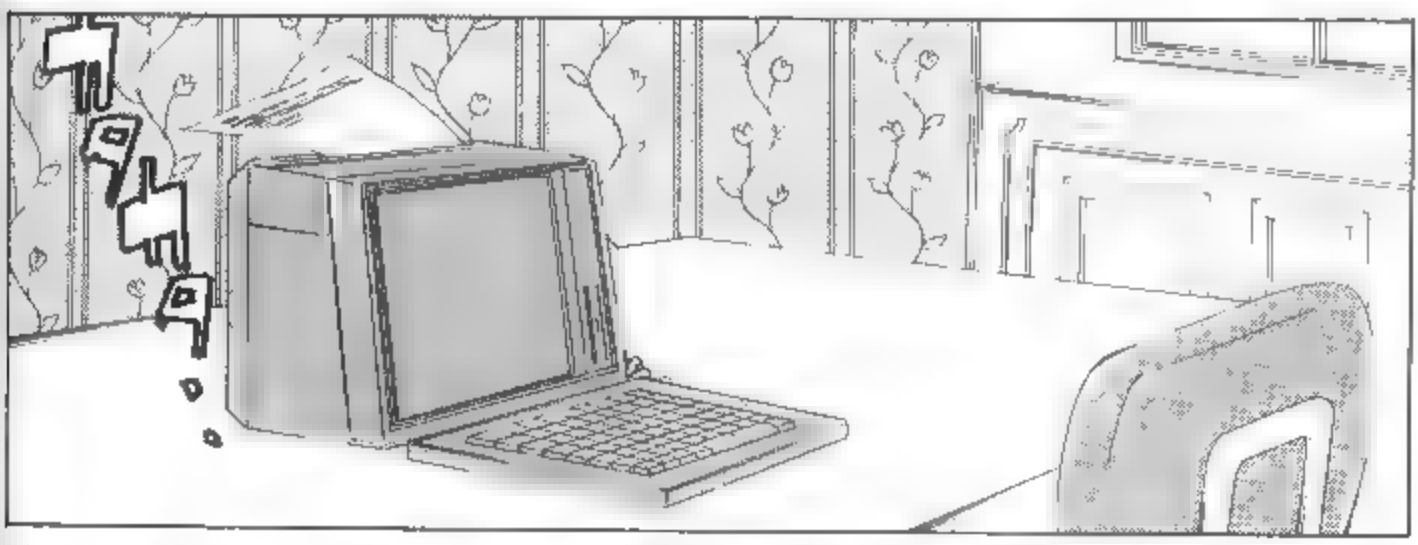




ELVIRA HAS A DISK THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK CANCER

IF WE COULD GET OUR HANDS ON IT, THEN WE MIGHT LEARN SOMETHING FROM IT.
HEY, MIS-TER!
HUH?
UH, YES?
WHICH HOUSE ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
LIKE, WHY CHIHAYA HAS BLACK WINGS
UH, NUMBER 27 ON MID-STREET DO YOU KNOW IT?
BUT I DO KNOW..
..WHO YOU TWO ARE!
NO, I DON'T!

GET OUT OF HERE!
HUH ..?
YOU'RE ANGELS, AREN'T YOU?!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU TOUCH ELVIRA!
EX- CUSE ME?
!!
OUCH! HOW DARE HE THROW ROCKS AT US?!
THAT KID KNOWS SOME- THING!



AFTER ALL, I HAVE WHITE WINGS.
SO SERAPHIM'S SYMPTOMS ARE DIFFERENT FROM MINE
Hm

ELVIRA!
ED?
IT'S THE ANGELS! THE BAD ANGELS ARE COMING!
ELVIRA!
WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?
AND SHE HAS WHITE WINGS?!

NO, ELVIRA
WE DIDN'T COME TO FIGHT.
KAGE-TSUYA
LONG TIME NO SEE.
YOU WON'T GET THIS DISK FROM ME WITHOUT A FIGHT.
PURE WHITE WINGS...
SHE'S AN EARTHIAN HALF-BREED!
...AND BLACK HAIR.
THEN WHY DID YOU COME?
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING YOU THE DISK.
BUT IS SHE REALLY ELVIRA? SOMETHING MUST'VE HAPPENED TO HER.
OR DO YOU PLAN ON GIVING US AWAY TO THE EARTHIAN?
COULD YOU PLEASE RETRACT YOUR WINGS?

YOU GUYS HAVE THE SAME POWER, DON'T YOU?
I CHOSE TO BECOME AN ADULT QUICKLY
LAST TIME WE MET HER WAS ONLY A LITTLE WHILE AGO, AND SHE WAS STILL JUST A KID!
WHAT?
SHE SHOULD ONLY BE ABOUT TEN YEARS OLD
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I WISHED, SERAPHIM DIED ANYWAY.
IF ONLY WISHES REALLY CAME TRUE.
OH? WELL, THEN I GUESS THAT MEANS I AM SUPERIOR
WE DON'T HAVE THAT POWER
THEY DO! THEY DO COME TRUE!
A LOWLY HALF-BREED LIKE ME

WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU
AND I'M SURE LORD SERAPHIM WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE YOU FIGHTING EITHER
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN FIGHTING WITH YOU.
KAGE-TSUYA!
DON'T MIND IF I DO
HOW ABOUT A CUP OF TEA?
ALL RIGHT THEN

AND JUST WHO'S THIS ONE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO CHIHAYA?
I LIKED HIM MUCH BETTER.
WELL, HE WAS SO PRETTY, WITH HIS BLACK WINGS.
WHAT'S WITH EVERYONE GOING ON ABOUT CHIHAYA ALL THE TIME?!
NYAH
UH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT
I WISH MY WINGS WERE BLACK TOO
CHIHAYA IS CHIHAYA, AND YOU ARE YOU!

SMILE SMILE SMILE
...
UH. HERE ARE SOME SWEETS FROM CHIAKI-SAN
.....
THANK YOU.
SORRY TO TROJBLE YOU LIKE THIS
O-DON'T. MENTION IT.
HE'S SO PRETTY!

HE KNOWS I LIED ABOUT TAKI NOT BEING HERE
HE KNOWS, SO WHY DOESN'T HE SAY SOMETHING ABOUT IT?!
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU, CHIHAYA.
OR IS HE JUST TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BAD?
THIS IS MIYUKI
MY GIRLFRIEND
HE KNOWS!

HUH?
WHAT?
DID I..
SAY SOME-THING WRONG?
G-GIRL-FRIEND?!
TAKI, YOU DUMMY-HEAD!
YOU'RE NOT WRONG!
YEAH
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU
YOU FOUND YOUR SPECIAL PERSON
YOUR ONE SPECIAL GIRL.
SHE MAY NOT BE TAKAKO, BUT.

I WANT TO BE WITH HER FOREVER
IT'S SO FUN, AND I'M SO HAPPY WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER
I LOVE HER
IT'S NOT AS ROUGH AS IT WAS WITH HER, BUT
IF WE COULD STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER, I WON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE
!
RIGHT
I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL
SO, YOU'RE ALONE TODAY?
WHAT HAPPENED TO KAGE-TSUYA?
OH
YOU SEE

MY PARTNER-SHIP WITH KAGETSUYA ENDED
WHAT?
B-BUT WHY?!
A LOT OF REA-SONS
IT'S HARD TO EXPLAIN
BUT ARE YOU
.REALLY OKAY WITH THAT?
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

BUT I'M NOT GIVING UP THE DISK
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS ARE THINKING
..AND BRING ELVIRA BACK TO VALHALLA WITH US
OUR MISSION IS TO SECURE THE DISK...
I WANT THE DISK NO MATTER WHAT
WE NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE BLACK CANCER
I DON'T WANT TO TAKE IT BY FORCE.
HOW CAN WE CONVINCE YOU THAT WE NEED IT?
SORRY, BUT NO
HMPH

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO TO EDEN!
TAKE ME THERE, AND THE DISK IS YOURS.
TO EDEN?!
SO THE ANSWER'S NO?
TO OUR HOME PLANET?!
WE HARDLY EVER GET TO GO THERE OUR-SELVES!

KAGE-TSUYA?!
REALLY?!
YOU BETTER NOT BE TRYING TO DUPE ME OR ANY-THING
I'VE GOT A FEW TRICKS UP MY SLEEVE
YES
PROM-ISE?
SERAPHIM ALWAYS WANTED TO GO BACK HOME.
I WANT TO SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE.
IT'S A DEAL, THEN

I HAVE HEALING POWERS, TOO
AND I CAN CRUSH SPOONS WITHOJT TOUCHING THEM
SHE'S TELE-KINETIC?!
AND I HAVE EVEN MORE AMAZING POWERS THAN THAT
SHE ISN'T..
...AN ANGEL OR AN EARTHIAN!

WAIT, DOC-TOR!
YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE!

KNOCK
YES? COME IN

CHI-HAYA?

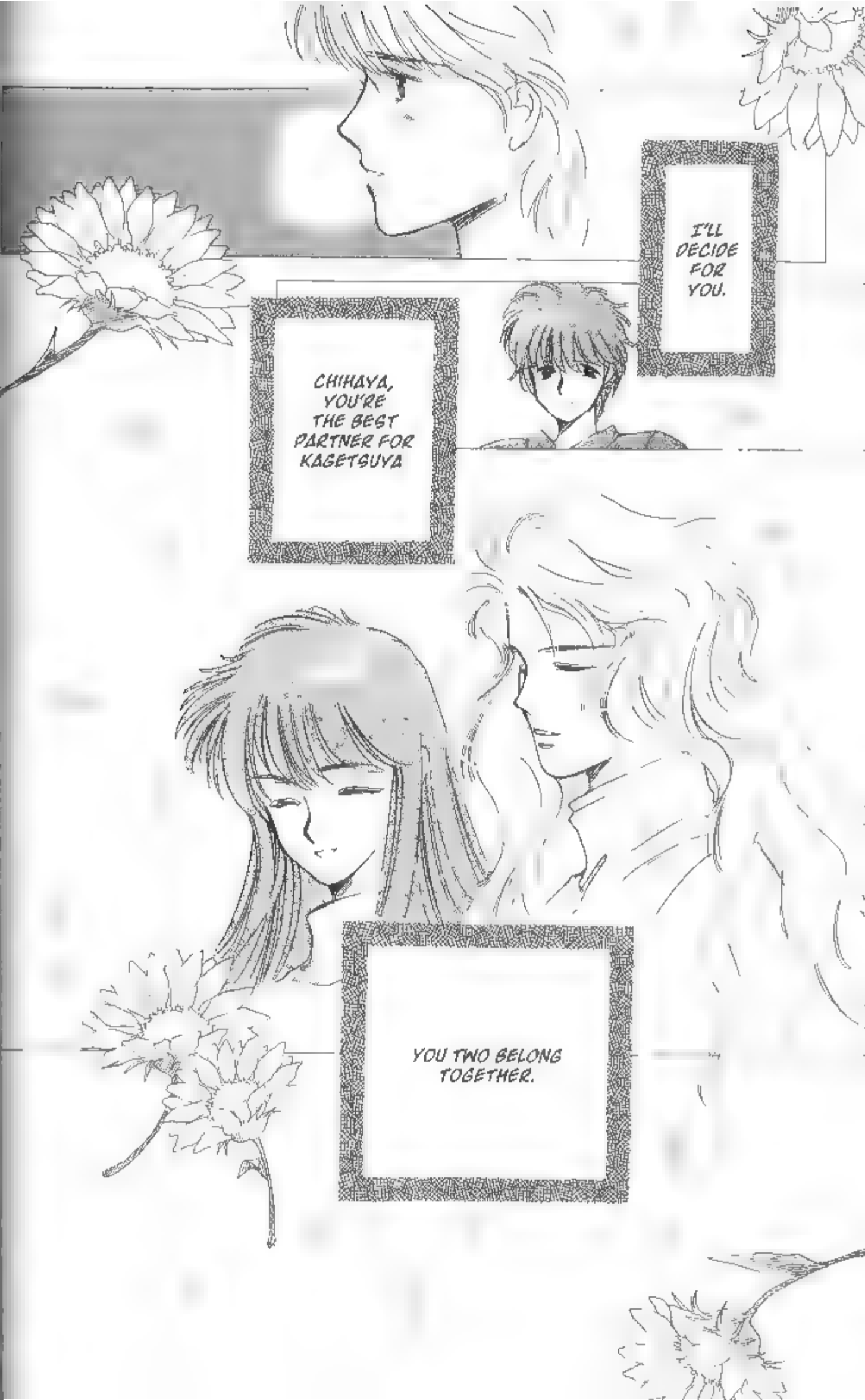
That's new
WHAT FRIEND?
TAKI'S FRIEND IS USING IT FOR THE NIGHT
CHI-HAYA

SURPRISE! THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE A DRINK
IS IT BEER?
Mm-hm
IT'S A LIMITED BRAND, JUST FOR THIS SEASON. IT'S DELICIOUS!
THANKS!
CHIHAYA, LISTEN
I'M SO HAPPY
YOU CAME TO SEE ME JUST WHEN I WAS FEELING LOST

YOU AND I ARE SIMILAR IN SOME WAYS, YA KNOW?
WE BOTH HAVE THINGS THAT WE JUST CAN'T MAKE UP OUR MINDS ABOUT
HA HA HA.
BUT I WAS SO HAPPY WHEN YOU MADE THE DECISION FOR ME BACK THEN
YOU ARE AN EARTHIAN, TAKI.
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW THE ANSWER YOURSELF..
. SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO HEAR IT FROM SOMEONE ELSE, YOU KNOW?
IF YOU'RE FEELING LOST
I HOPE I CAN GIVE YOU THE ANSWER YOU NEED.

KAGE-
TSUYA?
I
CAN'T
DO THIS
ANY-
MORE
I'M
SORRY
I
CAN'T BE
PARTNERS
WITH YOU

ONCE WE GET BACK TO VALHALLA, I'LL HAVE OUR PARTNERSHIP TERMINATED
NO IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
WHAT?! WHY?!
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
HEY! WHAT'S THE HOLD-UP?
LET'S GET GOING!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!
NO!
KAGETSUYA!
I HAD THOUGHT THAT I'D ALWAYS BE WITH CHIHAYA!


I'LL DECIDE FOR YOU.
CHIHAYA, YOU'RE THE BEST PARTNER FOR KAGETSUYA
YOU TWO BELONG TOGETHER.

FLOWERS TO YOU

IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
THE OUME ROAD IT'S ALWAYS SUPER CROWDED
IT TURNS RED FROM ALL THE CARS' BRAKE LIGHTS
I've been so lost. I don't know what to do
I'm so sad when I'm alone
I'm so glad when I'm with you
It was always beautiful. Unchanging

I thought the least I could do was try to save

at least always just ask her how

I GUESS I SHOULD HEAD HOME NOW

TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELF

BE CARE-FUL

But even with my funny smile, in the most heaven-like world

HE WENT HOME
HUH?
WHERE'D CHI-HAVA GO?
BUT I BOUGHT HIM ICE CREAM!
HUH?
I'M BACK!
OOPS!
HE WENT HOME?
ALREADY?
BUT IT'S SO LATE!
AND I GOT US THREE ICE CREAM CONES!
HE SAID HE'D BE GOING HOME, REMEMBER?
HOW'D HE GET HOME?
DID HE TAKE THE TRAIN?
OR AIR-PLANE?
AND WHERE DOES HE LIVE ANYWAY?
AREN'T WE THE INQUISI-TIVE ONE?
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

I'M ASKING SERIOUSLY
CHI-HAYA.
MIYUKI-CHAN, DO YOU LOVE ME?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE ICE CREAM I'LL HAVE TWO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT I'LL EAT THE TWO OF THEM
I AM BEING SERIOUS. I LOVE YOU AS MUCH AS I LOVE ICE CREAM!
YUP! I LOVE YOU!
I LOVE YOU A WHOLE BUNCH!
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.
BUT YOU LOOK SO MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU'RE SMILING
YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU CRY.

LORD RAPHAEL
HOW LONG WILL I BE WAITING FOR MY NEXT ORDER?
HMM HE SEEMS TO HAVE CHEERED UP A BIT
NO NEED TO RUSH
ENJOY YOUR VACATION
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE IN FULL BLOOM YOU'VE COME AT THE PERFECT TIME

I CAN'T STAND JUST WANDERING AROUND WITHOUT A JOB TO DO.
CHIHAYA SAYS HE WANTS AN INTERVIEW?
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM
WHENEVER I SEE HIS FACE, MY HEART JUST HURTS TOO MUCH!
WELL, HE'S HOLDING UP BETTER THAN I THOUGHT HE WOULD
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK
WELL, THAT'S RARE

I I WANT TO BE PUT BACK TOGETHER WITH KAGETSUYA!

WH-WHY?!
WH-WHY NOT?! BECAUSE I WANT TO!
Eep!
WHY?

I WAS JUST S-SURPRISED!
I DIDN'T THINK I COULD ASK FOR ANYTHING SO SELFISH!
OH...
I WASN'T FINE ABOUT IT AT ALL!
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING WHEN I FIRST TOLD YOU YOUR PARTNER-SHIP WAS DISSOLVED.
YOU LOOKED PERFECTLY FINE WITH IT

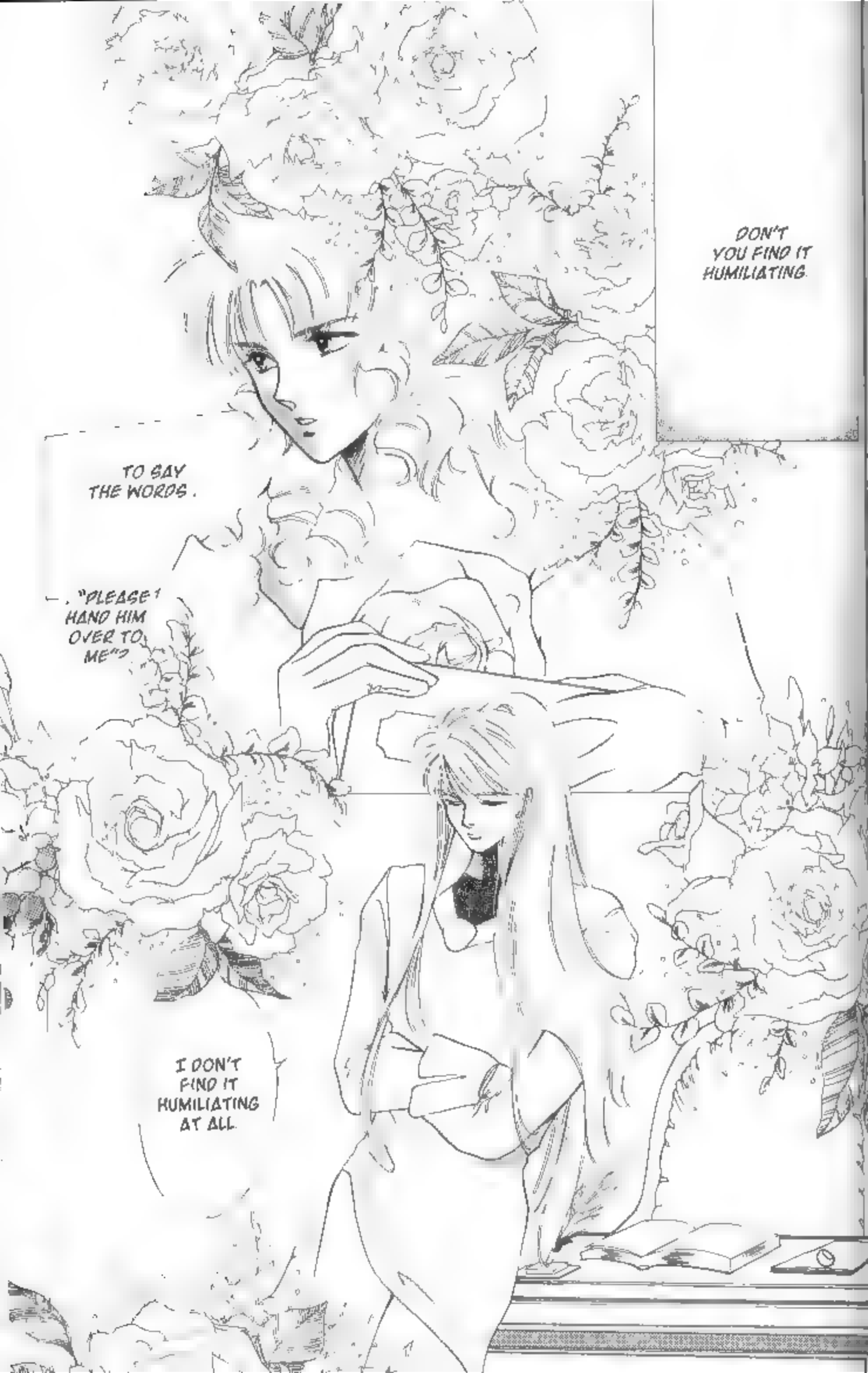
I MAY NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO SAY THIS, BUT.
ONLY NOW HAVE I REALIZED THAT I WAS A COWARD FOR NOT SAYING HOW I FELT BACK WHEN I SHOULD HAVE
.....
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S NOT SELFISH OF YOU TO ASK TO REJOIN KAGETSUYA NOW?
IT MAY BE SELFISH, BUT .
I BEG OF YOU!

DO YOU REALLY THINK I'LL GRANT YOUR REQUEST, CHIHAYA?
QUITE A BIT OF CONFI-DENCE THERE
KAGE-TSUYA?
YES
AND SAYAKA AS WELL
VERY WELL, THEN.
HOWEVER, IT'S NOT IN MY POWER TO DO ANYTHING YOU'LL HAVE TO ASKING KAGETSUYA.

I'VE WAITED LONG ENOUGH TO BE KAGETSUYA'S PARTNER!
PER-SUADE SAYAKA?
TO TELL THE TRUTH, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO KAGE-TSUYA'S PARTNER IS
IT WOULD BE BEST, HOWEVER, FOR YOU TO SETTLE THE MATTER WITH SAYAKA YOURSELF.
S-SAYAKA?
eep!
I WILL TRY.
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN PERSUADE SAYAKA?
EXCUSE ME!

CHI-
HAYA!
DON'T
YOU FIND
IT HUMILI-
ATING..
TO
SAY
THE
WORDS
"PLEASE
HAND HIM
OVER TO
ME"?
YES, I
THINK IT'S
HUMILI-
ATING

BUT I'D RATHER FEEL THAT NOW THAN DO NOTHING AND REGRET IT LATER.
THAT WOULD BE MUCH MORE PAINFUL THAN A LITTLE EMBARRASS-MENT.
THE TRUTH IS, THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS A PROBLEM WITH YOU BEING SO CLOSE TO KAGETSUYA...
IS YOUR FATHER
heh


DON'T YOU FIND IT HUMILIATING
TO SAY THE WORDS.
. "PLEASE! HAND HIM OVER TO ME"?
I DON'T FIND IT HUMILIATING AT ALL

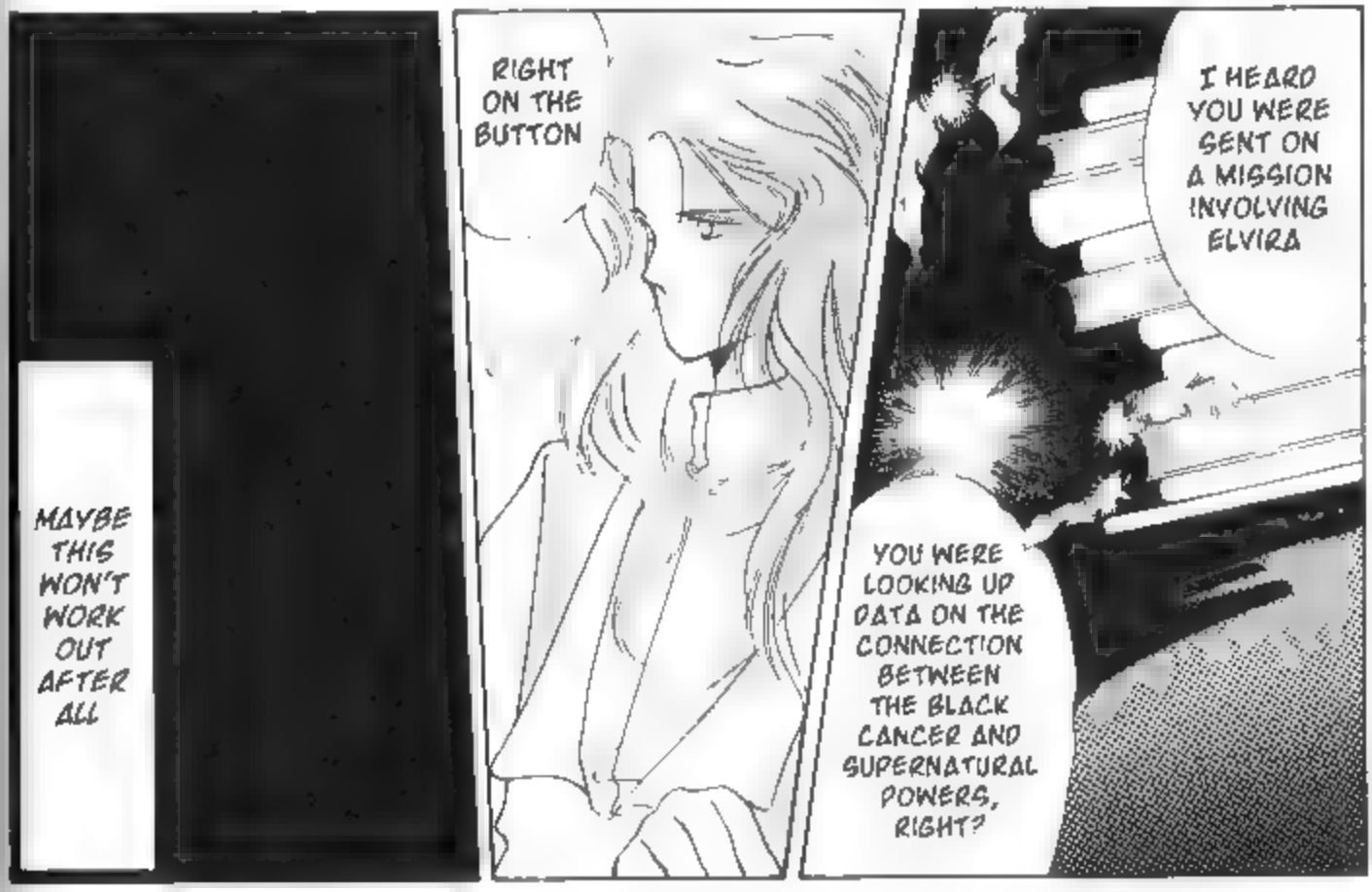
THANK YOU
I'M FINE ON MY OWN.
UH, BUT--!
I'M SURE THERE'S SOME-THING I COULD DO
CAN I HELP YOU FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

THANK YOU, BUT I'M REALLY FINE.
SORRY
th
silence
Uhh
WELL, THIS IS AWK-WARD
THEN, UH..
. IS IT OKAY IF I AT LEAST SIT HERE?
SURE

WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN, "HEY, HOW IS IT GOING"?
OH! ER.
DID IT SOUND WEIRD?
HEY!
HOW'S IT GOING?

H-HELLO THERE, SAYAKA
HELLO.
YES.
You got a fever or something?
silence
SOME-THING STRANGE
YOU WERE RESEARCH-ING THIS SUBJECT, RIGHT?
THE POSSIBILITY OF A MIXED RACE BETWEEN EDEN AND EARTH
.....
OH! BY THE WAY!
HERE YOU GO!

WELL...
THE LIBRARIAN TOLD ME HOW YOU'D ASKED FOR KEYS TO ARCHIVES #7, #11, AND #16.
.. HOW DID YOU KNOW?


MAYBE THIS WON'T WORK OUT AFTER ALL
RIGHT ON THE BUTTON
I HEARD YOU WERE SENT ON A MISSION INVOLVING ELVIRA
YOU WERE LOOKING UP DATA ON THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE BLACK CANCER AND SUPERNATURAL POWERS, RIGHT?

JUST HOW MUCH TIME HAVE THEY SPENT TOGETHER...
...IN PLACES WHERE NO ONE ELSE IS WATCHING?
THESE TWO...
I CAN'T COMPETE
IF ONLY I'D MET KAGETSUYA LONG BEFORE CHIHAYA HAD
BUT. WOULD I UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER, EVEN IF I HAD MET HIM FIRST?
I..
EX-CUSE ME.
. BUT I HAVE SOME-THING TO DISCUSS WITH SAYAKA

I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH YOU, SO IF YOU COULD SPARE A MINUTE--
YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY TICK ME OFF!
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I MAY HAVE WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU BEFORE, BUT
..NOW I'D NEVER EVEN THINK OF IT!
BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW, I'M NOT HANDING OVER KAGE-TSUYA SO EASILY!
YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK? THEN FINE!
LET'S HEAR IT!

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
ALL RIGHT, THEN
LET'S FIGHT.
I SAID, LET'S FIGHT!
YOU DON'T GOTTA TELL ME TWICE! LET'S STEP OUTSIDE!
R--
RIGHT!

WAIT A MIN-UTE!
HOLD UP!
WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?!

IF I WANT SOMETHING, THEN I WANT IT! I'M THE SAME AS ANY SELFISH HUMAN!
I UNDER-ESTIMATED MYSELF! I THOUGHT THAT I COULD HANDLE THINGS!
BUT I WAS WRONG!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S OUT OF LINE HERE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW IT USED TO BE, BUT I'M KAGETSUYA'S PARTNER NOW! AND YOU'RE INTERFERING!

IT WAS UGLY AND FILTHY AND TERRIFYING...
I'M SORRY!
THERE WAS A TEMPEST IN MY HEART.
...AND STRONG.

NEVER!
I'M HIS PARTNER NOW!
I KNOW THAT I'M IN THE WRONG HERE!
BUT I'M BEGGING YOU! PLEASE ALLOW ME TO GET BACK WITH KAGETSUYA!
PLEASE!
IF I SAID NO, THEN I MEANT NO!
PLEASE!!

I TOLD HIM TO TRY AND PERSUADE HIM AS IN, TRY TO MAKE PEACE.
INSTEAD, HE'S JUST MAKING HIM ANGRY
IS THIS THE BEST HE CAN DO...?
LIAR! YOU'VE BEEN THINKING IT! I KNOW YOU HAVE!
NO! I DON'T THINK THAT!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST SAY IT?! YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER SUITED TO HIM!
NO! THAT'S NOT SOMETHING FOR ME TO DECIDE!
I JUST WANT TO HEAR HOW YOU REALLY FEEL!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING?
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WOW, YOU WERE RIGHT.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
SINCE I HEARD CHIKAYA WAS SHOUTING AND FIGHTING.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS.
IT'S SORT OF NICE
THAT'S RIGHT
HE'S FIGHTING FOR THE FIRST TIME.
HE'S FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING THAT HE TRULY WANTS.

AND THERE'S THE SLAP!
OH MY!
AND THEN THE PRINCESS TAKES THE STAGE!
K-KAGE-TSUYA!
BREAK IT UP!
You're acting like children!
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME LIKE I'M NOT EVEN HERE!
NO! I WON'T!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO STUB-BORN?
NO! I WON'T GO!
I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP!
KNOCK IT OFF, YOU TWO!

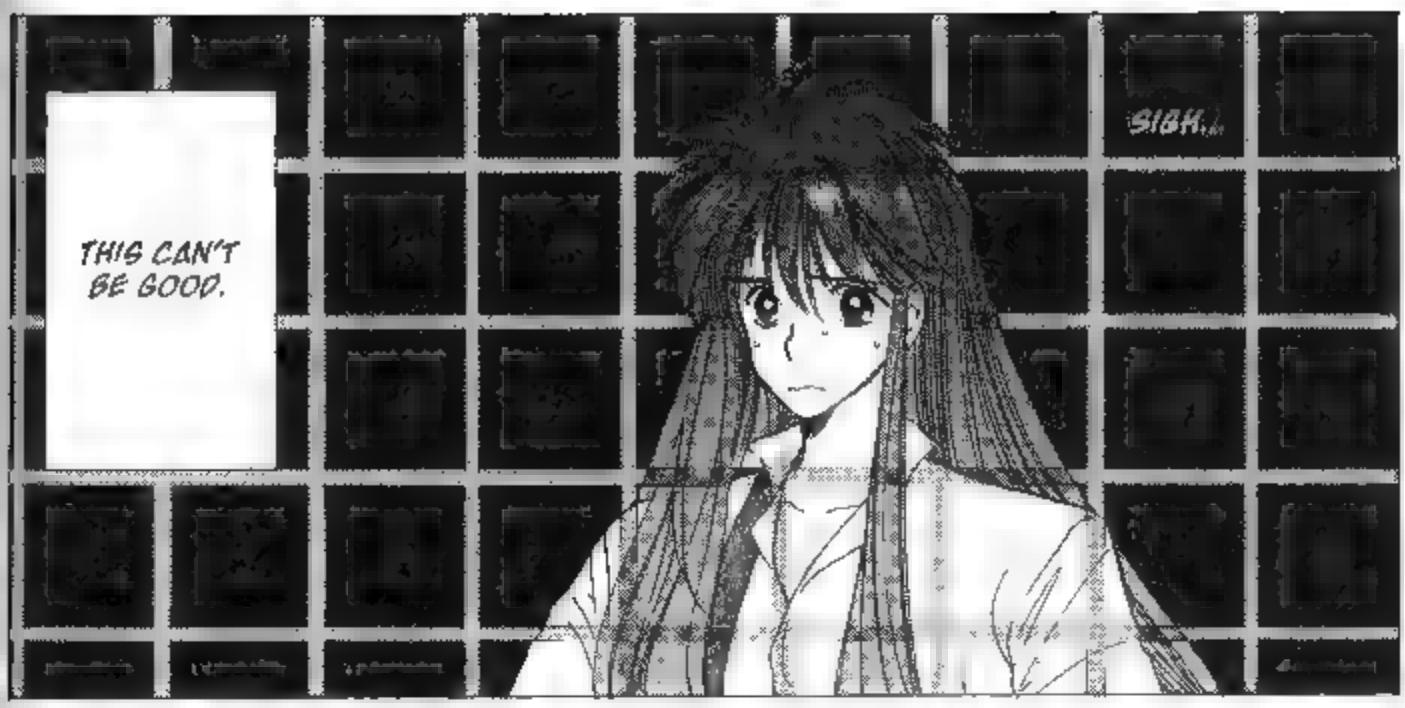
SO JUST SPIT IT OUT, KAGETSUYA! WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE PAIRED UP WITH? CHIHAYA OR ME?
I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT ME AROUND!
I KNOW THAT I'M JUST GETTING IN YOUR WAY!
WHOA!
Oof
CHIHAYA

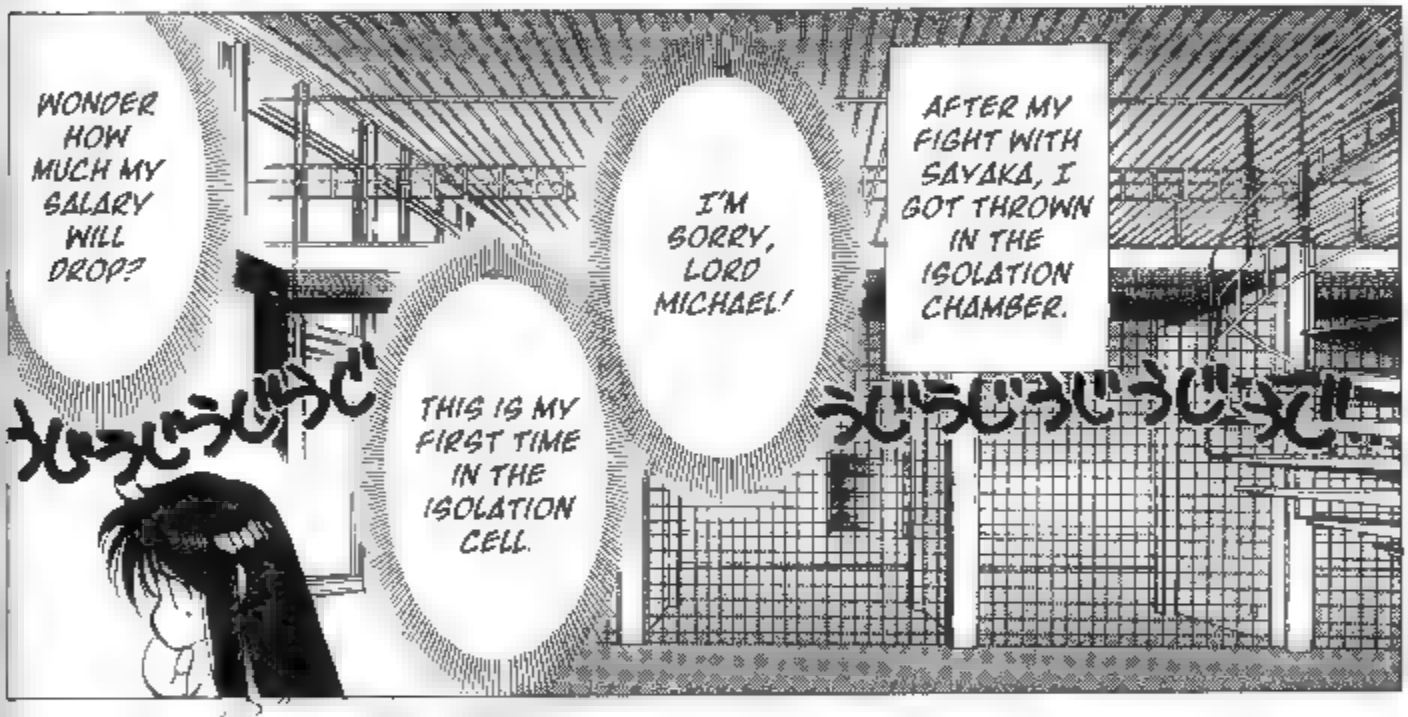
REALLY DID . SAY IT.
YOU...
I UNDER-STAND
THEN WE MUST DUEL, CHIHAYA-SAN.
Well you asked me to.
FINE!
...!
I SAID, STOP IT!
WHOA!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! YOU KNOW THE LAW FORBIDS DUELS--!

PLOP
Dead White
IT'S A REAL DUEL! HE'S THROWN DOWN THE GAUNTLET!
THROW THEM IN THE ISOLATION CHAMBER!
IDIOTS
OOH, THIS JUST GETS MORE EXCITING BY THE MINUTE!
whee!

NIGHT ON THE PLANET

GUESS WE'VE ENTERED A CLOUD
IT'S STARTING TO RAIN


THIS CAN'T BE GOOD.
SIGH...


WONDER HOW MUCH MY SALARY WILL DROP?
うじうじうじうじ
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN THE ISOLATION CELL.
I'M SORRY, LORD MICHAEL!
AFTER MY FIGHT WITH SAYAKA, I GOT THROWN IN THE ISOLATION CHAMBER.
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...KAGETSUYA GOT DRAGGED INTO THE MESS!
AND TO TOP IT OFF.
Achoo!

I'M FINE
はっ
HUH?
I DON'T FEEL ANY-THING
HOW ABOUT YOU, SA-YAKA?
HEY.
IS IT GETTING COLDER IN HERE, OR IS IT JUST ME?
Shiver
AND DON'T TALK TO ME SO CASUALLY, CHIHAYA-SAN!
REMEMBER, I'M NOT YOUR FRIEND!
ピキョン!

I'M SORRY
I WASN'T THINK-ING
What should I do? What?
I just decided on my own that I didn't want to lose Kagetsuya never even pausing to think how anyone else felt.

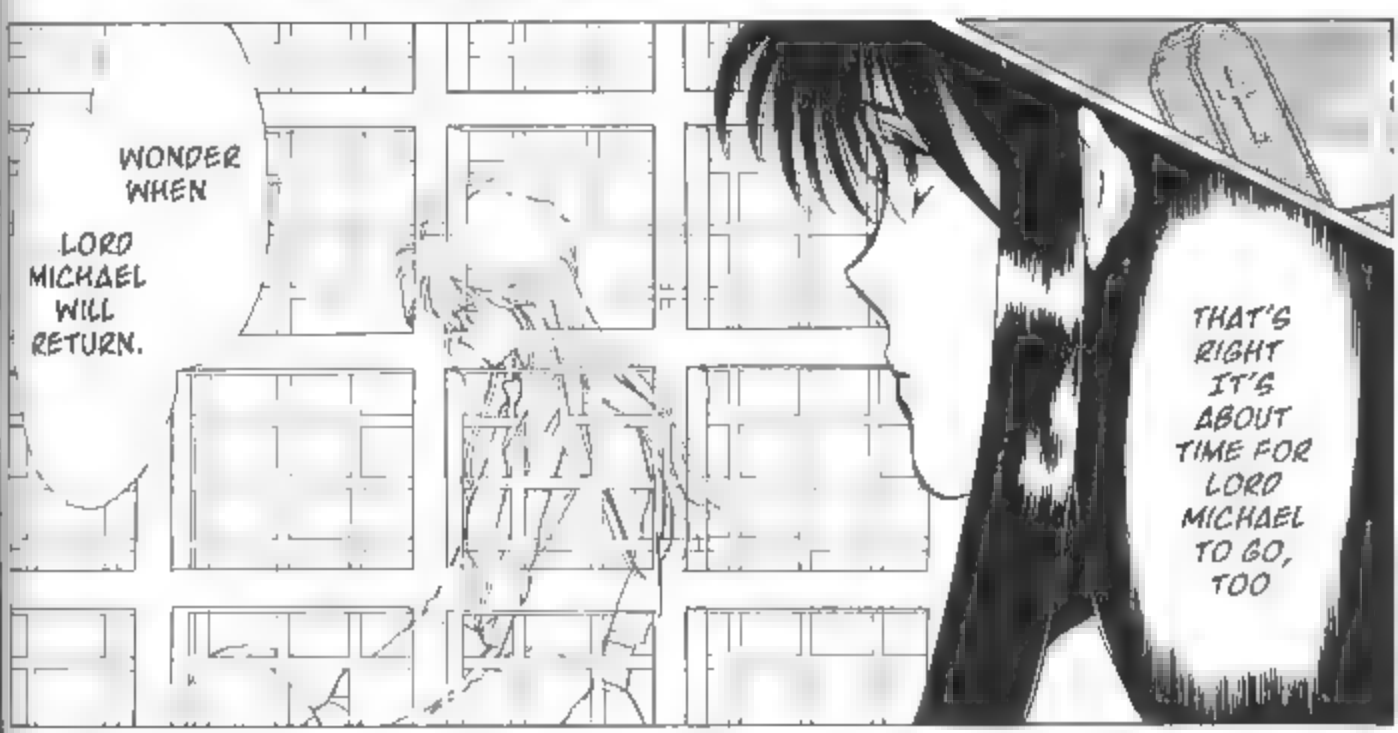
If you'd only been more direct from the start, I wouldn't have done something so shameful.
I THREW MY GLOVE DOWN! I CHALLENGED YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR?!

BUT, MIYAGI!
LOOKS LIKE THAT'S THAT, AYA.
AREN'T YOU THINKING ABOUT HOW POOR KAGETSUYA MUST FEEL RIGHT NOW?!
I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
THAT'S ABSURD!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE CAN'T SEE THEM?! NOT EVEN A MESSAGE?!
AND IT'S ALL THOSE STUPID BRATS' FAULTS!
THROWN INTO THE ISOLATION CHAMBER!
THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE AREN'T HERE AT THE MOMENT..
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE CAN'T GIVE THEM ANYTHING! TALK ABOUT STRICT!
BOTH OF THEM ARE GONE?!
LORD MICHAEL AND LORD RAPHAEL
ALL OF THEM? WHO ARE THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE?

ESPE-
CIALLY
YOU,
KAGE-
TSUYA
I WOULD
NEVER HAVE
IMAGINED
YOU'D BE
FOOLISH
ENOUGH TO
CALL A DUEL
I'LL HAVE
YOU THREE
TEMPORARILY
PUT UNDER
ARREST
YOU'RE
THE
ELDEST!
FOR-
GIVE
ME
NO!
IT'S NOT
KAGE-
TSUYA'S
FAULT!
IT WAS
ME
AND
SA-
YAKA!
YEAH!
IT WAS
US!

I'LL BE RETURNING TO EDEN. BE SURE TO THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE
NO ONE SAID YOU TWO AREN'T ALSO TO BLAME.
I ALREADY KNOW THAT

OH!


I WONDER WHEN LORD MICHAEL WILL RETURN.
THAT'S RIGHT IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR LORD MICHAEL TO GO, TOO

HOW WOULD YOU KNOW, ANY-WAY?
HEY! DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO TALK TO ME?!
OH I-IT SHOULD BE SOON I THINK
HE JUST LEFT TO VISIT SOMEONE'S GRAVE
I'm his son, after all.
GRAVE?
YES JULY 13TH IS THE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD MICHAEL'S YOUNGER SISTER
ZZZ

I--
I'M AWAKE!
IF YOU FALL ASLEEP NOW, YOJ'LL CATCH A COLD
YOU SAID YOU WERE FEELING CHILLY, RIGHT?
rub rub
HEY KAGE-TSUYA?
TJNK
YUP, I WON'T FALL ASLEEP.
OH! REALLY?
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.

Zzz
I THOUGHT I COULD IMPROVE IF I WERE WITH KAGETSUYA.
WHEN EXACTLY WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW HIM, I WONDER...?
I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED HIM.
KEEP YOUR PENCILS DOWN UNTIL THE EXAM BEGINS
THAT'S ONE OF OUR UPPER-CLASS-MEN!
YOU KNOW HIM?

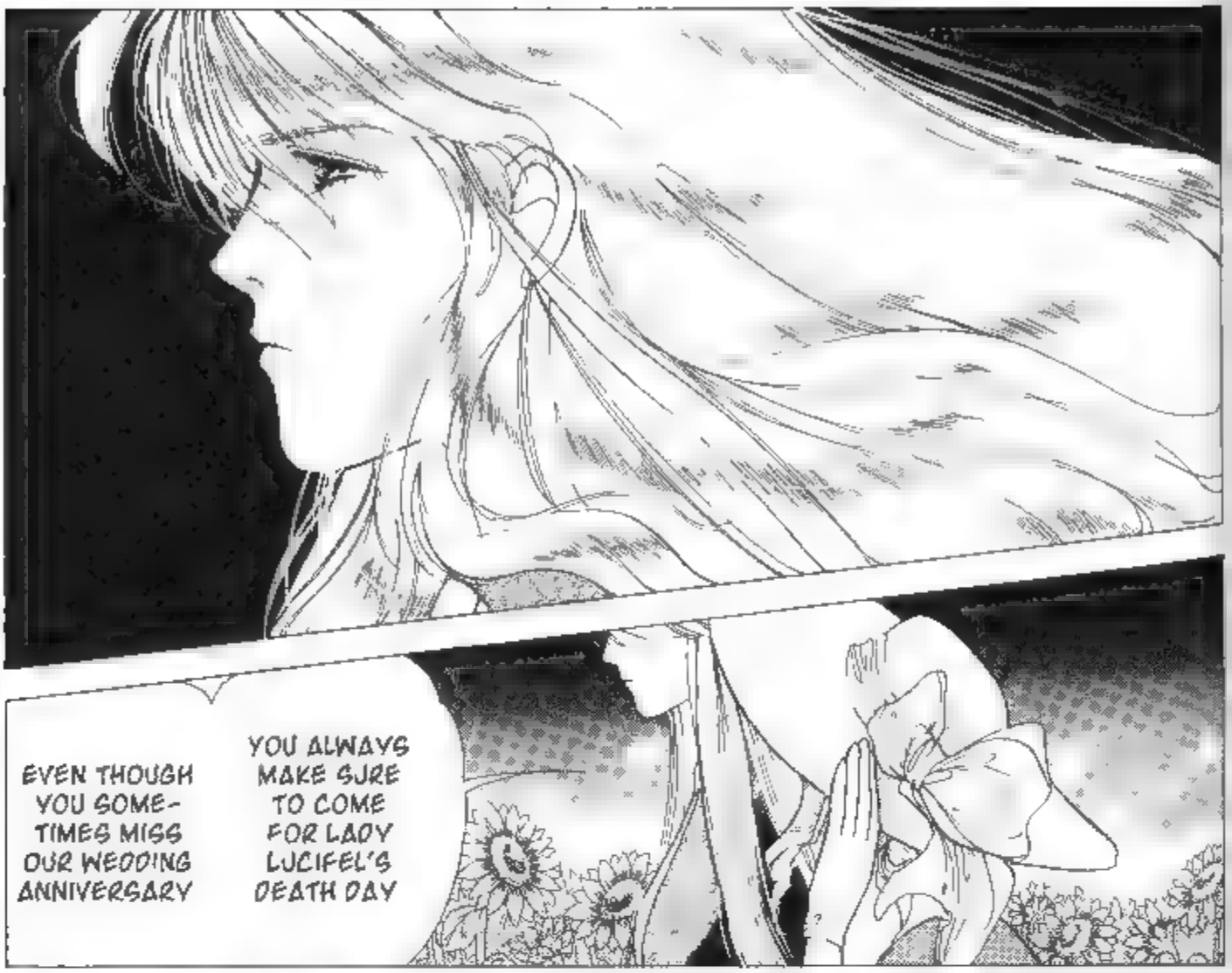
YOU THERE!
REALLY? WOW!
HE'S UP FOR VALEDICTORIAN OF HIS CLASS
KAGETSUYA-SAN
BET HE DOESN'T REMEMBER THAT..
THAT'S RIGHT HE YELLED AT ME THE FIRST TIME WE MET.
S-SORRY, SIR!
QUIT GOSSIPING LIKE A LITTLE SCHOOLGIRL!
Zzz
OR ARE YOU CHEATING ON YOUR TEST?!
I HAVE TO GET SAYAKA TO FORGIVE ME.
BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

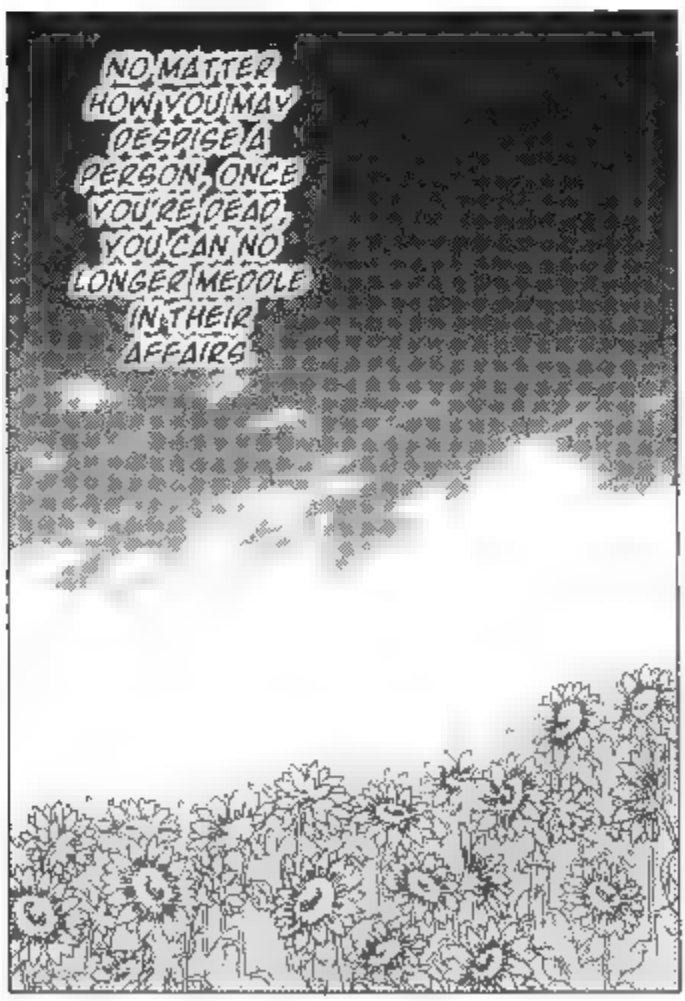
I'M SORRY
IT WAS MY FAULT
I WAS OUT OF LINE
IF I HADN'T LOST MY TEMPER NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED
IT WAS REALLY MY FAULT MINE!
PLEASE DON'T SAY THAT
NO IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT
NO IT WAS REALLY MY FAULT I'M SORRY

Ch
BUT I'M THE ONE WHO THREW DOWN THE GAUNTLET!
THAT DOESN'T COUNT
WHAT?! WH- WHY NOT?!
QUIET! MAJORITY RULES
BUT --!
WHAT? NO FAIR!
Since when are we a democracy?
HOW ABOUT THIS?
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
WE'RE ALL
EQUALLY WRONG
I I A- GREE!

OH!
I'M THE ONE WHO WAS HIT BY IT
THAT MAKES THE DUEL BETWEEN YOU AND ME

WHY LOOK AT THAT THERE ARE ALREADY FLOWERS HERE
SEEMS SOMEONE VISITED BEFORE US
OH! YOU MUST BE RIGHT
LORD MICHAEL
THEY USED TO BE SO CLOSE
LORD MICHAEL AND LADY LUCIFEL


EVEN THOUGH YOU SOMETIMES MISS OUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
YOU ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO COME FOR LADY LUCIFEL'S DEATH DAY


NO MATTER HOW YOU MAY DESPISE A PERSON, ONCE YOU'RE DEAD, YOU CAN NO LONGER MEDDLE IN THEIR AFFAIRS

YES I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT
I SHOULDN'T GET JEALOUS OVER IT

THIS IS ALL WE CAN DO FOR THE DECEASED

IT'S NOT FAIR, LUCIFEL
SO, YOU CAME, RAPHAEL
YES, MY LORD

EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN TWELVE YEARS, YOU'LL NEVER FORGET, WILL YOU?
LORD MICHAEL REALLY DESERVES PITY...
..HIS BEAUTIFUL AND REFINED YOUNGER SISTER BEING TAKEN SO EARLY.

DON'T YOU THINK SO LORD MICHAEL?
IF SHE WERE ALIVE, I COULD KILL HER MYSELF
GOOD QUES-TION
WHAT'S HE SO UPSET ABOUT?
WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF LADY LUCIFEL WERE STILL WITH US TODAY?
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO BE HERE NOW?
BOTH OF US AWAY FROM VALHALLA
IT MAY NOT BE PRAC-TICAL.
BUT I HAD TO COME, NO MATTER WHAT
OH
IS THAT SO?
THE ONES WHO CAUSED THE RUCKUS ARE IN THE ISOLATION CHAMBER THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT

I ALWAYS HAD A FEELING
..THAT LUCIFEL WASN'T LONG FOR THIS WORLD
... NOTH-ING.
IT'S BETTER THIS WAY.
IT WAS DES-TINED TO BE
WHAT WOULD MAKE YOU SAY THAT, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SLEEP WELL
LUCI-FEL

NO!
OH, DARN IT!
FINE, THEN HOW ABOUT "WHALE BABY"?
NO GOOD!
WE ALREADY SAID WHALE BEFORE
HOW ABOUT "WATER"
GREAT, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE RESORTED TO PLAYING SHIRITORI!
UM .
WH. WH OH! I KNOW! WHALE!
OH! RIGHT!
WATER!
HEY, SAYAKA! NO HELPING!
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING ELSE FOR ME TO DO
NAH, THAT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS.
WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF WE BECAME FRIENDS LIKE THIS?

*Shiritori is a word game. Its name literally means "grabbing the bottom," as in taking the last syllable of the previous word and coming up with a word that starts with it.

ALL RIGHT
WHAT?!
It's hard with only two people
I'M OUT I'M GONNA SLEEP NOW
YOU TWO GO ON WITHOUT ME
.....

GOOD QUES-TION
IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO TALK
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?
THERE'S A LOT OF TIME TO KILL.

NO, I WASN'T AVOIDING YOU
I JUST DIDN'T LIKE MYSELF
YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME FOR SO LONG.
YUP.
Ahem
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHEN KAGETSUYA IS WITH ME .
A SILENCE FALLS IN MY HEART, LIKE A NIGHT ON THE PLANET AFTER A STORM HAS PASSED
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
AND I HATED HOW ASHAMED I WAS FOR ENJOYING IT WHEN EVERYONE WAS NICE TO ME
I HATED MYSELF FOR BEING SO COARSE I HATED MYSELF FOR GETTING DEPRESSED

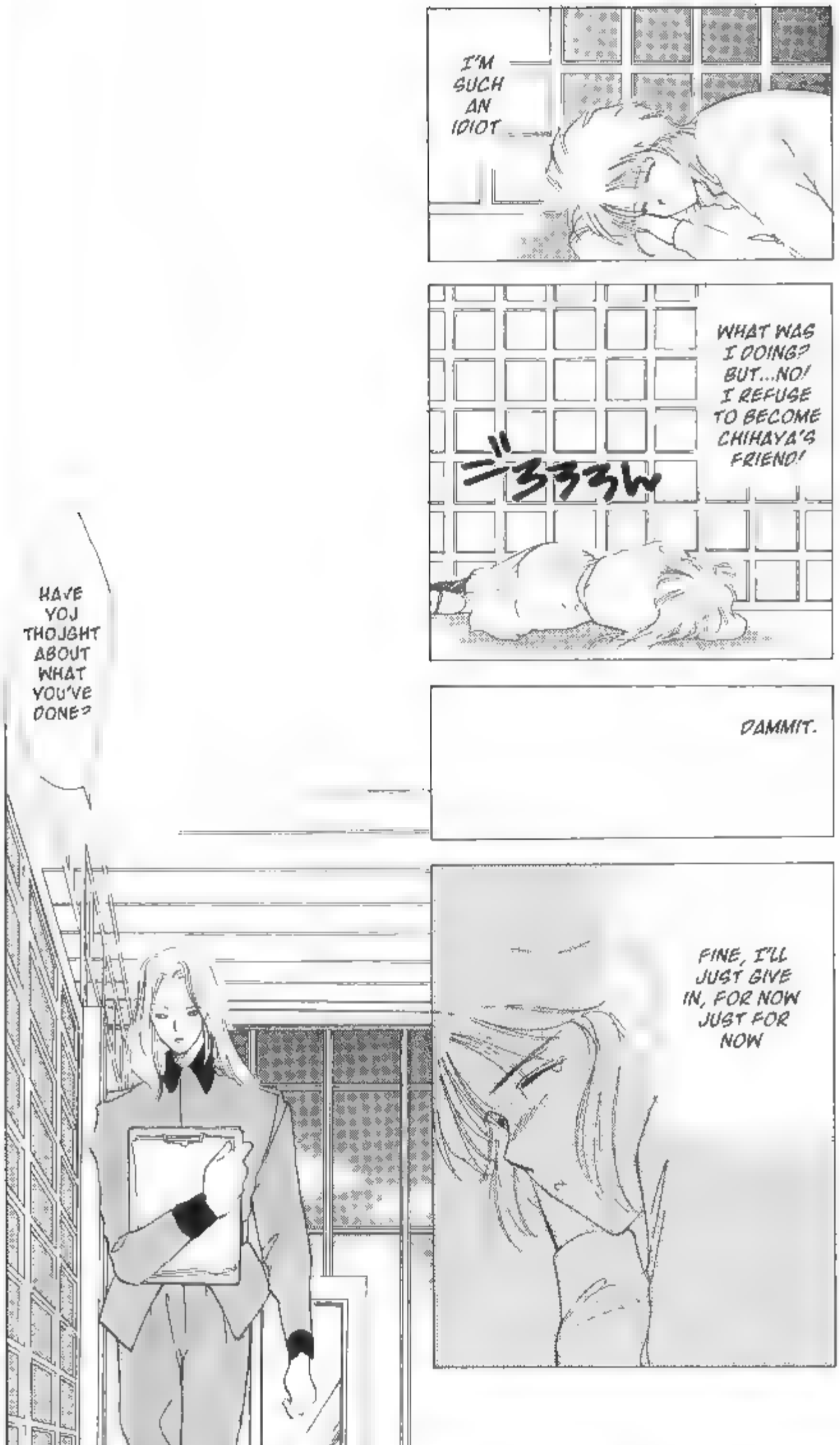
KAGETSUYA, DO YOU LIKE YOURSELF?
WHAT ON EARTH IS THERE ABOUT ME THAT I CAN LIKE?
PROB-ABLY, YEAH
I HAVE NO REASON NOT TO
WELL, I DO
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE QUALITIES THAT MAKE OTHER PEOPLE LIKE YOU
YOU'VE GOT 'EM TOO
I DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE BEG FOR SYMPATHY

I FEEL LIKE IT'S COMING BACK
YEAH IT IS!
IT'S WEIRD!
SEE, I'M BLESSED, SO I CAN'T WIN AGAINST SOMEONE WHO'S PROUD OF HIS MISFORTUNE
THAT'S SO WEIRD!
NO, IT'S NOT WEIRD
TO-TALLY WEIRD!

SOME-
THING VERY
IMPORTANT IS
COMING BACK

OH, QUIT
LAUGHING AT
ME, WOULD
YOU?

COMING
BACK?
WHAT IS?


I'M SUCH AN IDIOT
WHAT WAS I DOING? BUT...NO! I REFUSE TO BECOME CHIHAYA'S FRIEND!
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DAMMIT.
FINE, I'LL JUST GIVE IN, FOR NOW JUST FOR NOW
HAVE YOJ THOJGHT ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE?

YES! OF COURSE!
ALL RIGHT, THEN
JUST FILL OUT THESE FORMS OF APOLOGY
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE LETTING YOU OUT
SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE!
NO PROBLEM!
GOOD WORK!
WE WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
Woo hoo
TWO STRAIGHT DAYS OF BEING COOPED UP INSIDE!
STOP!
I'LL APOLOGIZE FIRST
NO MORE OF THAT
Ahem

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE THE MATTER BE
ENOUGH OF THE "IT WAS MY FAULT' NO, MY FAULT" STUFF
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THAT
BUT THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M GIVING UP
SOMEDAY, I'LL PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M WORTHY TO BE YOUR PARTNER
CHI-HAYA-SAN
UNTIL THEN, I LEAVE KAGE-TSUYA TO YOU..

GOOD-BYE!
SEE YOU LATER!
HE'S GONE WHAT DO I DO NOW?
WHAT AM I, LEFT-OVERS?

I'M NOT SO GREAT THAT I DESERVE SOMEONE SAYING THAT TO ME.
WORTHY TO BE MY PARTNER?
NOW, NOW DON'T WORRY
I'D LIKE TO BE CONSULTED ABOUT SUCH THINGS .
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
IT'S SOME-THING SAYAKA DECIDED FOR HIMSELF
On his own
IT WASN'T EVEN A WEEK AFTER THAT DAY..
You finally got out
You owl birds.

THAT SAYAKA WAS TRANSFERRED AWAY
LORD MICHAEL!
HELLO THERE, CHIHAYA
I'M BACK FROM MY TRIP
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE ALREADY HOME! WELCOME BACK!
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T COME WITH YOU TO VISIT THE GRAVE THIS YEAR.
AH YES, YOU WERE LOCKED UP IN THE ISOLATION CHAMBER, WEREN'T YOU?
IT'S SAYAKA!
FORGET THAT!

THE TRANS-FER?
NEWS TRAVELS FAST
HE WAS MOVED TO THE REGU-LATION DEPART-MENT
AS FOR WHY, IT WAS SAYAKA'S OWN WISH
WH--
WHY ?
.....
KAGE-TSUYA!

AW, COME ON DON'T LOOK SO WORRIED!
ER, YES
I REQUESTED IT!
SAYAKA!
MORNING!
I TAKE IT YOU HEARD ABOUT THE TRANSFER?
IT'S JUST BEST THAT I NOT BE AROUND YOU RIGHT NOW
I'M NOT RUNNING AWAY OR GIVING UP, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT
I'LL BE BACK SOMEDAY
MY ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO HAVE YOU COME BEGGING ME TO BE YOUR PARTNER SOMEDAY

. IT SEEMED LIKE ALL I DID WAS STRENGTHEN THE BOND BETWEEN YOU AND CHIHAYA.
THOUGH, YOU KNOW
"YOU'RE A GOOD GUY. SO MANY PEOPLE WANT TO BE YOUR PARTNER."
WHAT MORE IS THERE TO SAY?
.....
I DON'T WANT YOU TO FORGET ME
?
ARE YOU GOING TO SEE CHI-HAYA?
UH NAH NO THANKS
I DON'T WANT US BUTTING HEADS AGAIN
I'LL BE GOING NOW
I WON'T FOR-GET YOU

HUH?
WHAT? DID I MISS SOME-THING?
NO, NO-THING
SAYAKA!
OH! THERE YOU ARE!
.A SAFE TRIP
HAVE
HUFF HUFF
THEN MAYBE
WHEN YOU COME BACK NEWLY IM-PROVED.
AND WHEN. YOU COME BACK.
I WILL.

IF I BECOME A BETTER PERSON, TOO ..
NIGHT ..
WE COULD BE FRIENDS.
SURE THING .....
IF YOU CAN DO IT
ALL RIGHT!
I DON'T UNDER-STAND YOUR DEFI-NITION.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A "BETTER" PERSON?

...INTO THE HEARTS OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE GENTLE
...FALLS SILENTLY...
A PICTURE OF LADY LUCIFEL?

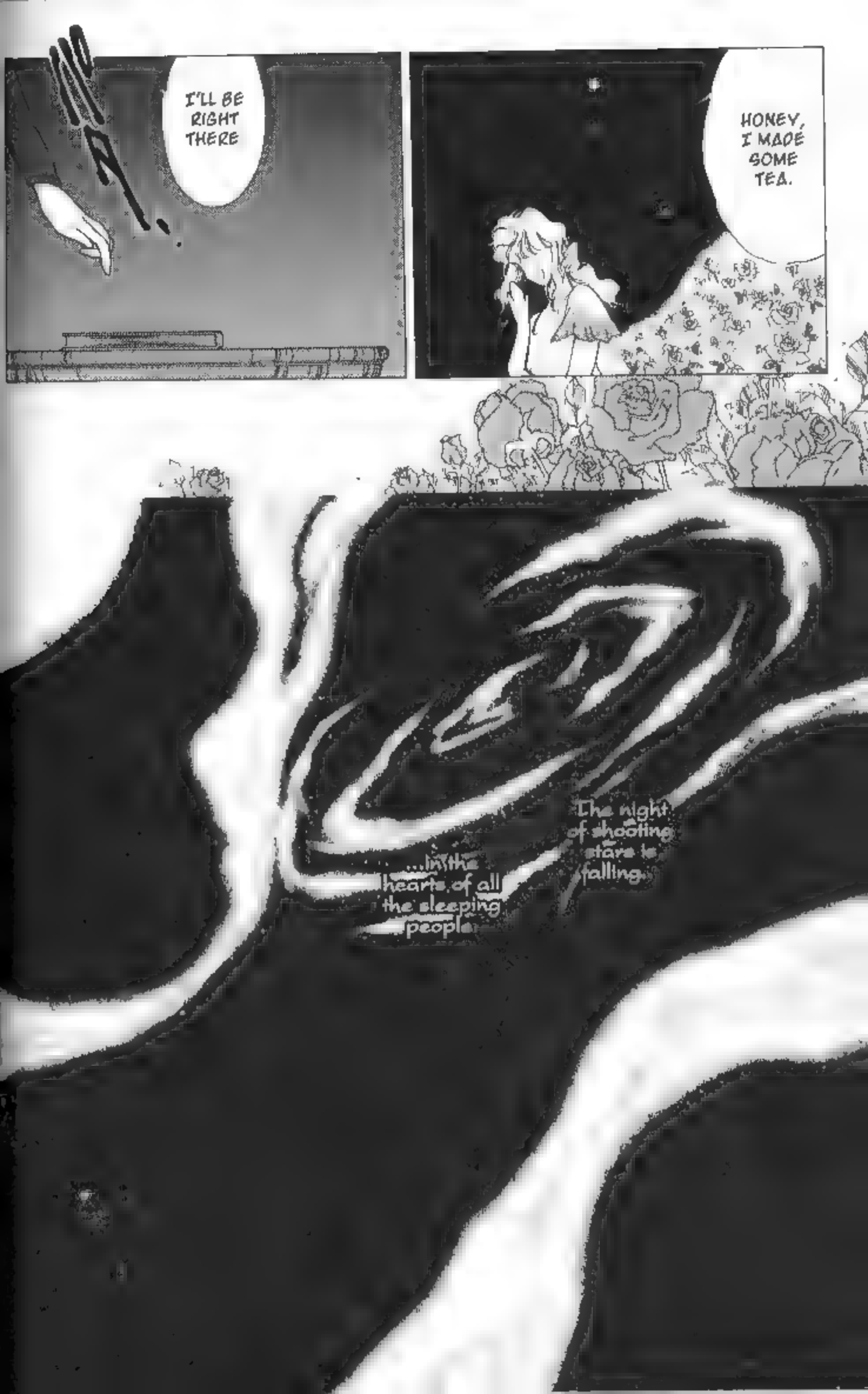
NOT AL-WAYS
THIS VACA-TION HAS BEEN SO LONG
YOU'RE USUALLY RUNNING OFF BACK TO WORK IN A HURRY
JUST A MOMENT I'M SURE WE HAVE SOME.
. FROM HER GRADU-ATION.
THANK YOU
OF COURSE I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HOME WHEN YOU CAN BE
HERE'S THE ALBUM

WHY HAVEN'T I NOTICED BEFORE NOW?
WHAT COULD IT MEAN?
SHE DOES RESEMBLE KAGETSUYA.
BECAUSE KAGETSUYA IS GETTING CLOSE TO LUCIFEL'S AGE...?

I HATED THAT WOMAN

YOU'RE A BAD INFLUENCE ON HIM!

STAY AWAY FROM MICHAEL!


I'LL BE RIGHT THERE
HONEY, I MADE SOME TEA.
The night of shooting stars is falling.
...in the hearts of all the sleeping people

Never
was I
seen
any more

WHO'S THIS SUPPOSED TO BE?
I FEEL LIKE I'M SUPPOSED TO KNOW HIM
YES! PLEASE EAT THIS APPLE!
IS THAT FOR ME?
EDEN PERISHED BECAUSE ADAM AND EVE DID NOT HAVE CHILDREN!

SOME MILK TEA WOULD BE GOOD FOR THAT.
OH NO!
MY STOMACH'S ACTING UP
ER, NO. THAT'S OKAY I'D LIKE SOMETHING A LITTLE MILDER
You doing okay?
LOOKS LIKE YOUR STOMACH ISN'T THE ONLY THING IN A BAD MOOD.
KAGE-TSUYA!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME COFFEE?
I CAME TO GET SOME ADVICE
BUT MAYBE I SHOULD LEAVE YOU ALONE
OH, MIYAGI!
LA LA LA!

NO, I NEVER SAID I DIDN'T LIKE YOU
IT JUST MAKES ME JEALOUS TO SEE AYA HANGING ALL OVER YOU
ADVICE? FROM ME?
I'm fine
I THOUGHT YOU HATED MY GUTS
FORGET IT ALREADY! IT WASN'T A BAD OMEN OR ANYTHING!
BAD DREAM?
SORRY, MIYAGI HE'S BEEN CRANKY ALL MORNING I THINK HE HAD A BAD DREAM
ARE YOU BITING OFF PEOPLE'S HEADS AGAIN?
YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW
WHAT KIND OF DREAM?
IT WAS A DREAM ABOUT HOW EDEN PERISHED BECAUSE NO BABIES WERE BORN
YOU SURE ARE HONEST
IT'S ONE OF MY PLUSES
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!

TO BE HONEST, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
I'M SURE I DIDN'T DREAM THAT OUT OF GUILT.
BUT IT'S NOT JUST KAGETSUYA'S FAULT! HE DOESN'T HAVE TO FEEL SO MUCH RESPONSI-BILITY..
WELL, SINCE WE ALREADY KNOW EDEN'S BIRTHRATE HAS BEEN FALLING STEADILY, THAT'S A PRETTY OMINOUS DREAM
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO?
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
NOT BEING ABLE TO HAVE KIDS.
WOLLY
AND YOU, MIYAGI! WHY DIDN'T YOU COME TO PICK ME UP THIS MORNING?
AYA WAS LATE TO A MEETING BECAUSE OF YOU! IT WAS SO EMBAR-RASSING!

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A FEMALE PARTNER TO BEAR A CHILD FOR ME
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT.
NO WE'RE PERFECTLY FINE
WELL, CHIHAYA IN CASE YOU CAN'T FIND ANYONE, AYA WILL BEAR A CHILD FOR YOU
ARE YOU SICK?
WHAT?! OH MY GOD, WHY NOT?!
TH! FI.
AYA WAS JUST SAYING IF HE CAN'T FIND ANYONE ELSE!
JEEZ, CALM DOWN!
BUT, AYA! WHAT ABOUT MY CHILD?!
WHA--?!

AYA LIKES THE SORT OF GUY WHO CAN YELL AND SAY WHAT HE WANTS
WELL, AS OF LATE, AYA'S DECIDED TO GIVE CHIKAYA ANOTHER CHANCE
UH, WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
THOUGH YOU'LL BE OKAY, CHIKAYA.
OF COURSE, ONLY AFTER AYA'S DONE GIVING BIRTH TO ONE HUNDRED OF KAGETSUYA'S BABIES
It's Aya's duty as a woman
AYA!
BUT, AYA! WHAT ABOUT MY CHILD?!
AYA WILL ALSO GIVE BIRTH TO YOUR KID!
HUH?
YOU'RE GETTING VERY POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS THESE DAYS

JUST NOW..
.I FELT..
SOME-THING
.SORT OF..
STRANGE
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT?
ALMOST LIKE A FEELING OF..A NARROWING OF FOCUS
WELL, I'M OFF BE SURE TO PICK ME UP ON TIME TOMORROW! GOT IT, MIYAGI?
AYA!
I'M SORRY
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE COMING TO SEE YOU FOR A WHILE.
OUT OF NO-WHERE A CLAP OF THUN-DER
...FROM A BLUE SKY!

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
IT HURTS EVEN TO LOOK AT HER.
ACTUALLY, SCRATCH THAT I CAN'T BELIEVE ANYONE'S EVER GOTTEN HER SO UPSET!
I MEAN, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU GOT HER SO UPSET--
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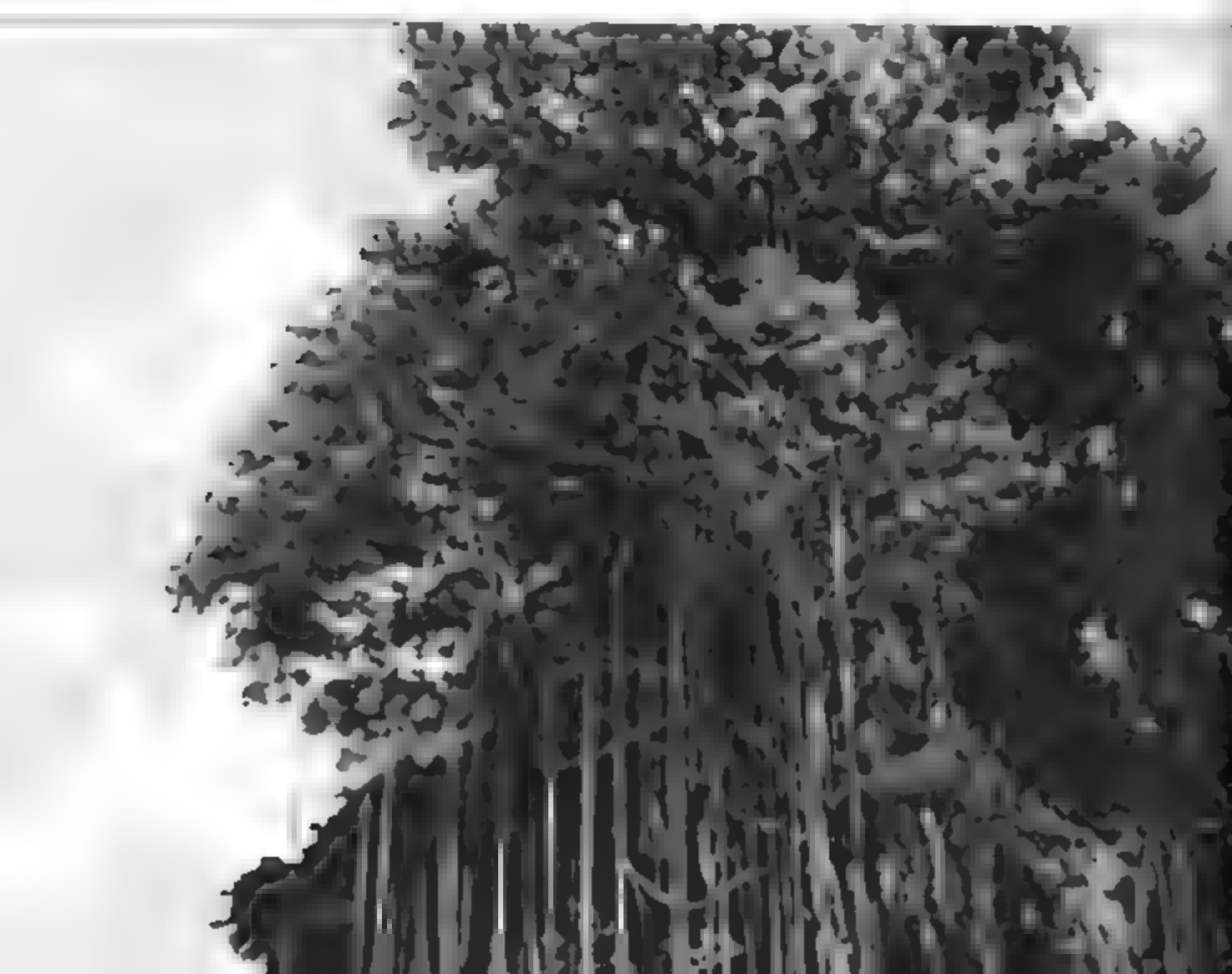
ABOUT WHAT?
WE JUST AREN'T A GOOD MATCH
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM
I LOVE AYA
HOW SO?
AYA'S STILL TOO IMMATURE.
.....
YEAH IT'S NATURAL TO GET TIRED OF ALL THAT AFFECTION

HAVE YOU BEEN IN SEASON YET, KAGE-TSUYA?
UH, NO NOT YET.
WHEN I ENTER MY NEXT SEASON
. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER GIRL TO BE WITH
HAVE YOU SEEN THE DOCTOR? I HEAR THEY'VE GOT GOOD MEDICINE.
UH . I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO TAKE MEDICINE
OH, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY SIDE-EFFECTS.
THEY'RE ALL 100 PERCENT PURE NATURAL EXTRACTS.
AND EVEN IF YOU MIX THEM, CLINICAL STUDIES HAVE PROVEN THAT--

Dear Chihaya,
How are you doing?
There's still so much stuff to learn at my new station that I can't sit still!
But don't worry about me. I'm getting along just fine.
So how's Kagetsuya doing?
IT WAS NOTHING IMPORTANT
SO HOW WAS YOUR TALK WITH MIYAGI?
I'VE BEEN READY!
Well then, that's all for today. Sayaka
HAVE YOU FINISHED ALL THE PREPARATIONS?
IF SO, WE CAN GET GOING
For some reason I just can't bring myself to write him a letter
I guess I'm still too nervous when it comes to him

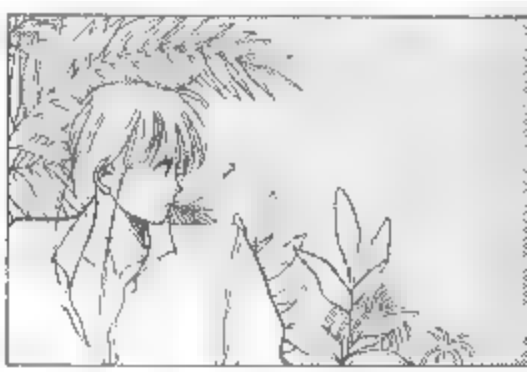
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE REALLY GOING ON A CAMPING HOLIDAY



WHEN YOU JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX HERE.
...IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE PARADISE, YOU KNOW?
YUP! CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THEM!
I'M RE-SEARCHING JUNGLES NOW.
NAH, IT'S OKAY I TOLD YOU WE COULD GO WHEREVER YOU WANTED.
SO YOU LIKE THESE SORTS OF PLACES?

PARADISE...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? OF COURSE I'M HOT AND I'M SWEATING BUCKETS!
AREN'T YOU HOT?
YOU'RE NOT SWEATING AT ALL.
OH GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.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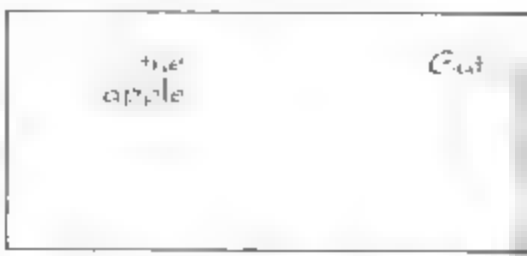
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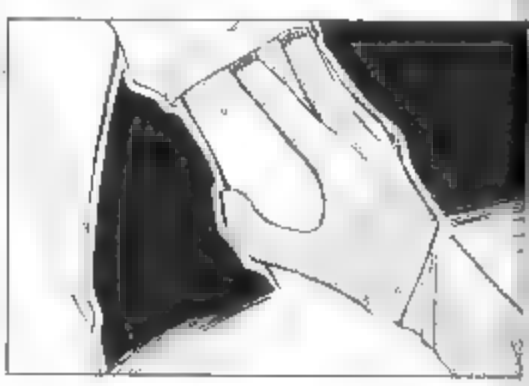

WHAT AM I THINKING?
YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO BRING THIS PLANT HOME WITH US?

STRONGY-LODON MACRO-BOTRYS-- THE EMERALD CREEPER.
IT GROWS JADE-COLORED FLOWERS.
THIS IS A FLOWER?
IT'S A TYPE OF CLIMBING PLANT ISN'T IT JUST GOR-GEOUS?
WHICH ONE?
THIS ONE HERE
IT'S THE BUD OF A FLOWER
MORE THAN 5,000 OF THEM GROW IN A SINGLE AREA. I'M SURE IT WON'T HURT TO TAKE JUST ONE
I WONDER IF YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU
LADY GABRIEL ASKED ME A FAVOR.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

MAYBE IT'S FATHER OR MAYBE ..
KAGE-TSUYA?
WHO COULD IT BE AT THIS HOUR?
CONNECT ME
IT'S AN OUTSIDE SIGNAL
LA--
THANK GOOD-NESS I MADE IT IN TIME!
LADY GABRIEL ?!
WHY DID LORD RAPHAEL HAVE TO BLURT THAT OUT?
I'M FINE
..ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I HEARD FROM LORD RAPHAEL THAT YOU'LL BE TAKING A C HOLIDAY WITH CHIHAYA SHORTLY

ANY-THING FOR YOU.
BY THE WAY, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK, KAGETSUYA.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, LADY GABRIEL.
YES. I SUP-POSE YOU'RE RIGHT
YOU'RE QUITE CAPA-BLE
YES, MY LADY WE'LL BRING BACK WHATEVER WE CAN.
I'D LIKE TO TRY SELECTIVE BREEDING HERE ON EDEN.
I WAS HOPING YOU COULD FETCH ME A FLOWER FROM EARTH? IF YOU HAVE TIME.
OH, RIGHT.
I FORGOT THAT LADY GABRIEL HAS A GREEN-HOUSE SHE USES FOR RESEARCH

I'M SURE SHE'D LOVE A TROPICAL PLANT
THEY'RE DIOECIOUS, SO IT'LL BE EASY TO EXCHANGE THEIR GENES
FLOWERS ARE ONLY THIS BEAUTIFUL SO THAT THEY'LL BE POLLINATED
WHENEVER I LOOK AT SOMETHING THAT WAS BORN AS BEAUTIFUL AS THIS
..I FEEL GREEDY THINKING THAT I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO BE CALLED BEAUTIFUL
THEY ATTRACT INSECTS, ANIMALS AND BIRDS WITH THEIR PRETTY COLORS AND SWEET SCENT.
IT'S ADVANTAGEOUS FOR SURVIVING SPECIES TO POLLINATE WITH OTHER FAMILIES.
BECAUSE YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT?

I THINK IT'S FAIRLY NORMAL
I JUST WANT TO BE LIKED BY PEOPLE
IT'S PRETTY PATHETIC TO WANT PEOPLE TO THINK HIGHLY OF ME
YES
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I THINK YOU'RE KINDA PRETTY
BUT

YOU LIKE LADY GABRIEL, RIGHT, KAGETSUYA?
FOR A MON-KEY.
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.....
BUT SHE'S SOME-ONE ELSE'S WIFE
I DON'T THINK HE'S THAT STUPID.
I'm cheering for you!
YOU'D BE NEXT IN LINE IF RAPHAEL COULDN'T HAVE KIDS!
BUT YOU STILL HAVE HOPE!

BUT YOU'RE THE ONE I LOVE MOST OF ALL!
BECAUSE THERE'S NO ONE IN THE UNIVERSE SHE LOVES MORE THAN HER HUSBAND
BESIDES, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH I LIKE HER.

OOPS, I WAS WRONG!
I MEANT, SECOND TO LORD MICHAEL, OF COURSE
AH!
What?! THE.
.. MOST?!
W-WELL OF COURSE! HE IS MY FATHER!
NOW YOU'RE SAYING I'M SECOND TO LORD MICHAEL?!
DON'T MAKE A FOOL OF ME!
THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THAT!

Dear Sayaka,

Thank you for the letter. It really made my day!

We're all doing fine over here. But Kaatesuya's really been acting strange lately. It's not that he's sick or anything..

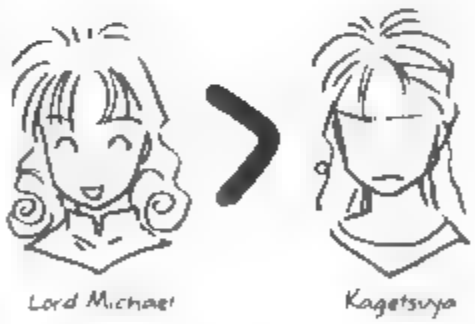
I'm sure I've done something stupid to upset him again.
At the moment, we're on a C Holiday on Earth.
Clothing
Clothing
Clothing

I'D NEVER LET IT BOTHER ME BEFORE, BUT I SUPPOSE IT'S TRUE

BUT

BUT THAT'S BECAUSE I DISLIKE MY FATHER

WAIT A MINUTE IN MY SITUATION



SO WHY DID I GET SO WORKED UP OVER IT?

WELL HE IS HIS ADOPTIVE FATHER

Kage-tsuya's father

THE MONKEY'S NUMBER ONE?!
Chihaya
Aya
Chihaya
Miyagi
UGH! HOW HUMILI-ATING!
Chihaya
Lord Raphael
THE ONE I LOVE THE MOST DOESN'T LOVE ME ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE!
IT CAN'T BE!
Chihaya
Lord Michael
?
Chihaya

むうああ
THAT REALLY PISSES ME OFF!
CHIHAYA MAY NOT LOVE ME ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE, BUT I DON'T LOVE CHIHAYA ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE EITHER! HA!
NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS! I LOVE LADY GABRIEL MOST OF ALL!

THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD BE!

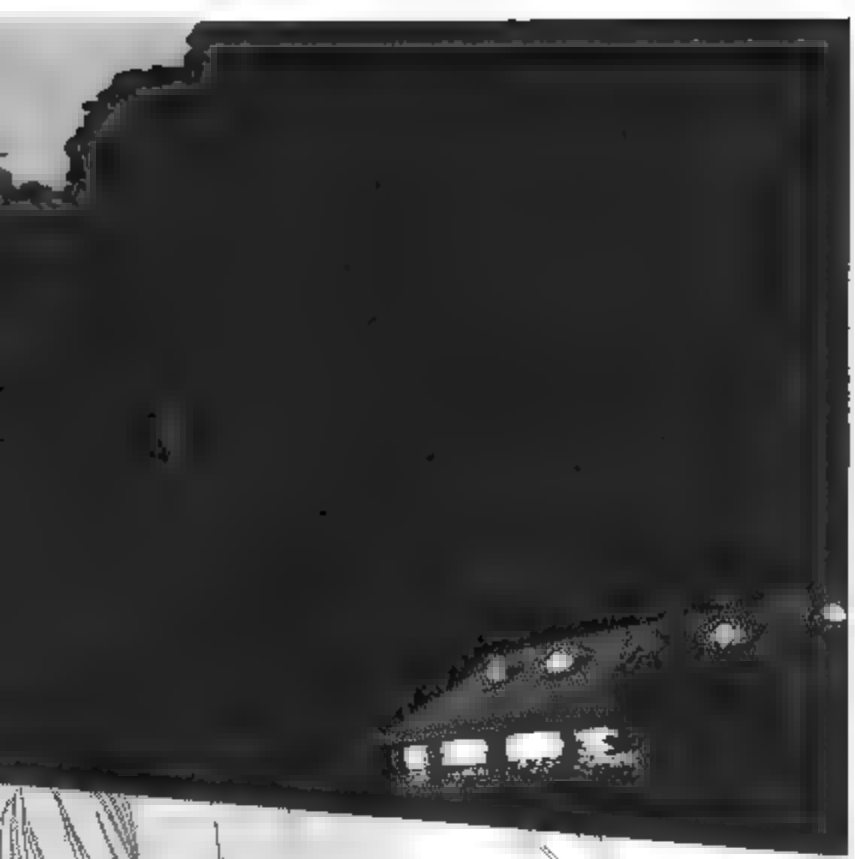
HUH?
HE SMELLS LIKE FLOWERS

YES, I'VE CONFIRMED THE CODE.
FLOWERS ARE ONLY THIS BEAUTIFUL SO THAT THEY'LL BE POLLINATED
IS THAT YOU, KAGETSUYA?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
LORD RAPHAEL?
NO, JUST INTERESTED IN WHAT'S GOING ON

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HATES ME!
NO NEED TO GET SO UPSET WHY DO YOU SEEM TO HATE ME?
THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME, SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
I THOUGHT THAT SINCE THIS IS YOUR FIRST C HOLIDAY
THAT WAS A LITTLE COLD
IT'S NOT MY DUTY TO ENGAGE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS
I HEARD MY WIFE MADE A REQUEST OF YOJ, SO I'M CHECKING ON YOUR PROGRESS.
?
LORD RAPHAEL!
KAGETSUYA?
Silence

DO YOU LOVE YOUR WIFE MORE THAN ANYTHING?
WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO BE MARRIED?
THAT'S A SECRET.
TO LOVE SOME-ONE MEANS .
And here I was hoping I could tease him
THERE'S SOMETHING OFF ABOUT KAGETSUYA TODAY
WHAT'S HE TRYING TO SAY? WHY WON'T HE JUST SPIT IT OUT?
HUH?
WELL, THEN. . WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS TO LOVE SOMEONE?

THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF LOVE, RIGHT? LIKE FRIEND-SHIP, OR PARENT AND CHILD
PLEASE GIVE ME A SERIOUS ANSWER!
ARE YOU STILL ONLY HALF-AWAKE?
..TO HAVE SEX WITH THEM, OF COURSE
I DON'T THINK YOU CAN FOOL ME. I KNOW YOU MEAN THAT TYPE OF LOVE.
AND I AM ANSWERING SERIOUSLY
COULD THIS BE...
DON'T TELL ME
IT'S LIKE I HAVE A FEVER OR SOMETHING
KAGE-TSUYA?
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME?



I'M GOING TO BED NOW DON'T COME NEAR ME!

GUESS I DID SOME-THING TO UPSET HIM

But what was it??

CLICK

I KNOW YOU'RE STILL AWAKE

HOW ABOUT SOME TEA?

I'M ENTERING MY MATING SEASON?!

YEAH, BUT ..WELL, I THOUGHT SOME APPLES WOULDN'T HURT
DON'T BACK DOWN NOW!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO BOTHER ME.
THAT IS DESIRE!
THE FRUIT THAT ADAM AND EVE ATE
WHY NOT? THEY'RE REALLY GOOD!
I'M NOT EATING THEM!
UGYAAA I ATE IT!!
Wh what's the matter, Kagetsuya?
NO WAY AM I EATING THEM!

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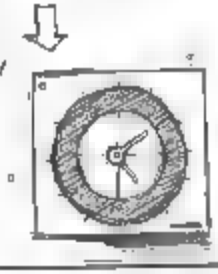
AND NOW, I'M DRAWING THINGS LIKE LOVELESS AND ANGEL OFFICE

IT WAS ON THIS VERY DESK THAT I DREW EARTHIAN, GENJI AND REN'AI

I'VE TAKEN THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND REMEMBER THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING WHILE I WAS FIRST WRITING EARTHIAN.

I'VE JJST HAD TO REPLACE THE BATTERIES EVERY SO OFTEN, AND IT STILL WORKS FINE!

MY ALARM CLOCK!



THERE'S ONE OTHER THING THAT I'VE BEEN USING UP JNTIL NOW.

It may look like a crappy timer but it works great

I ACTUALLY DON'T REMEMBER MUCH (I MEAN I *DO* REMEMBER SOME STUFF, BJT I CAN'T WRITE IT DOWN HERE)

WHETHER IT'S MECHANICAL PENCILS, BALLPOINT PENS, OR G PENS, I ALWAYS USE THE THICK KIND!

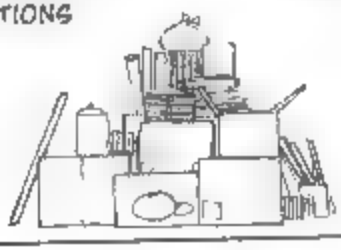
THICK PENS!

AND ONE PREFERENCE THAT WILL NEVER CHANGE

OH!

THIS MANGA WAS ACTUALLY DRAWN IN EIGHT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

I MOVED!



I WOJLD BE NOWHERE WITHOLT IT! I USE A NEW BOTTLE EVERY DAY! AND FOR WHITE, I JSE DOCTOR MARTIN'S

MY KAIMEI INK!

AND OF COURSE

OH!

THAT'S RIGHT THE DESK I BOUGHT WHEN I FIRST STARTED WORKING ON *EARTHIAN* IS THE SAME ONE I STILL USE TODAY!

It's actually supposed to be a kitchen table

BUT THE DESK WAS ALWAYS THE SAME!

I think Chihaya is starting to think that he wants to have some kids! But Kagetsuya still wants some alone time with him (Laugh) He's such a baby!

In the plot, angels have a longer lifespan than humans, so Chihaya and his friends are aging much more slowly. I guess you could say they're becoming adults little by little!

THIS CHAPTER'S BACK-GROUND MUSIC WAS THE SONG "WISH" FROM THE THE SECRET GARDEN. IT'S SO GOOD!

CURRENTLY, ANGEL OFFICE IS BEING SERIALIZED IN CRIMSON COMICS.

IF YOU'RE WONDERING IF IT'S ABOUT ANGELS...

...THEN THE ANSWER IS YES!

Hmph.

Tetora

ALSO, "SECRET GARDEN" AND OTHER CHAPTERS, AS WELL AS THE ORIGINAL RECIPE CHAPTERS, WILL BE RELEASED AS AN ENTIRELY SEPARATE FOURTH VOLUME.

I HOPE YOU ALL ENJOY IT WHEN IT COMES OUT!

NEXT MONTH, THE THIRD VOLUME WILL BE RELEASED, WITH ALL NEW MATERIAL INCLUDED.

...RUNNING OUT OF MATERIAL!!

BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ

I'M...

OH, I JUST REMEMBERED HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE I'VE WRITTEN A RECIPE! EVERY TIME I WRITE ONE, I THINK...

Oh!

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